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Ten "Shapers of Southern Baptist Heritage"

Ten persons have been identified as among the most influential people in shaping Southern Baptist thought and practice in a new pamphlet series being released by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission is releasing this series to help Southern Baptists remember their heritage through the extraordinary impact of these 10 persons, said Charles Deweese, director of publications and communications for the

The biographees are William B. Johnson, Southern Baptist origins; I. E. Reynolds, church music; T. B. Maston, ethics and social concern; L. R. Scarborough, evangelism; Annie Armstrong, missions; A. T. Robertson, New Testament; John A. Broadus, preaching; J. M. Dawson, public affairs and religious liberty; Gaines S. Dobbins, religious education; and E. Y. Mullins, theology. (Story on Page 11.)

Churches can order literature EASY way

literature and other Southern Baptist Sunday School Board materials the EASY way.

A new Electronic Access System (EASY) is available from the materials services department of the board for churches which have IBM or IBM compatible computer systems.

The materials ordering software diskette and a data order form diskette will be sent free of charge to interested churches by the board's Church Information System (CIS) section.

After the simple installation of the software, an order screen on the data order form diskette will display ordering options. Any item on the dated or undated order form can be ordered by product name, product number or

For instance, there are 15 general categories on the computer order form, such as adult Sunday School periodicals, equipping center materials, church music periodicals, deacon materials, and special ministries. Products also can be located individually in an alphabetical product list, in a numeric list of product numbers or listed individually on an order by product

There also are special categories which are changed on the quarterly order form according to upcoming

NASHVILLE - Southern Baptist events scheduled in churches. An exchurches can now order curriculum ample would be Vacation Bible School materials or Baptist Doctrine Week information.

Using the different methods of product location, churches fill in blanks on the computer order form by listing the number of copies of each product needed. When the order is complete, a total price will be given, including local and state sales tax, which is customized according to church location. This can be figured with or without the five percent discount, depending on the method of payment.

A church can then choose to transmit the order via telephone or mail the diskette to the Sunday School Board. Orders submitted by phone will be gathered electronically each day in the materials services department and sent to order filling. Telephone transmisison of an order only requires pushing three keys.

Included on the order diskette is an option for a church to order any product which is in the Church Materials Catalog. All that is needed to order a particular item is the product number. This makes more than 2,500 products available through the EASY system.

A new data order form diskette will be sent to participating churches each quarter, featuring new products and price changes.

Interested persons may contact the CIS section, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234, or telephone (615) 251-3604

Clower: praising with laughter

Word, Inc. has announced that Jerry Clower's Ain't God Good received the 1987 Silver Angel Award and a Finalist Award by the International Film & TV Festival of New York, 1986.

The film features Jerry Clower, of Yazoo City, the entertainer and storyteller who has, for the past nine years, been the recipient of country music's Comedian Of The Year Award.

Here he speaks out on the greatest event of his life, becoming a Christian, and relives some of the good from the "good ol' days".

Sometimes he preaches, sometimes he praises, and sometimes he just talks over the back fence. But in an uncommonly funny way, Jerry Clower turns

the common experiences of the American way of life into something to rejoice in and laugh

Folks have been laughing with Jerry and his stories ever since he sold fertilizer in Yazoo City. Nowadays, they laugh with him on national TV via the Grand Ol' Opry.

Clower is also the host of Country Crossroads, the most widely syndicated country music radio show in the world, broadcast over 2,900 stations every week. The show, sponsored by the ACTS Network, has allowed Clower to reach national and international audiences for the past 20 years.

Ain't God Good features stories and anecdotes from Jerry's childhood and the saving message of Jesus Christ. Jerry relates experiences from his 46 years of Christianity, including the joys of tithing, giving thanks for all things, and keeping a strong faith in the Lord even in the face of personal

Clower's strong affiliation with the church and the Southern Baptist Convention became evident a year ago when there was talk on the convention floor of nominating him for president of the SBC.

Clower currently tours the country making more than 200 personal appearances a year ranging from the Grand Ol' Opry to small church groups needing inspirational messages.



The new EASY literature ordering system was a popular item for discussion at the National Conference for Ministers of Education. Clyde Bell, (right), CIS consultant, talks here with Ed Rogers, minister of education at Northwest Baptist Church, Miami, Fla. Photo by Jim Veneman. SOUTHERN SAPTIST HISTORICA.

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Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

Talk or die

Southern Baptist Convention. To say stop immediately and stay stopped there will be another Southern Baptist Convention is accurate because there is one every year. The convention is not a continuing thing. It lasts three days, and it is over. There is not another convention until the next year.

We call what goes on in between times the Southern Baptist Convention, but it's not. Between conventions the 36,000 churches carry on their work, but they do so only as they choose to and independently of each other. They cooperate because they choose to do so.

that has been held, though the first one was 142 years ago in 1845.

All of that was to call attention to the convention which will be next week in St. Louis, Mo., because critical times are to be revolving around the convention that is just ahead

We have fussed with each other about as long as we can afford to do could come to a consensus, it would ceptable to 27 of the 29. Evidently they so. Most of the fussing is going on between a very small group of folks, but it is going on. And something needs to be done. Nobody yet has determined what it is that will bring us around to put a stop to the controversy. If we all

Next week there will be another joined one side or the other, it would Statement represents a spark of hope until there was something else to fuss together and hammered out a stateabout, but we are not all going to join ment that all could live with. one side. We can't be expected to. We wouldn't be Baptists if we forced everyone into the same mold; and without forcing, there is no way to arrive at a common interpretation on their views on inerrancy. As a result, everything. We don't expect it. It's just not possible. One of our most cherished doctrines details the fact that we depend on the competency of each individual soul before the throne of grace.

So on the eve of this year's conven-This will be the 130th convention tion, what are the prospects for finding a way out of our dilemma? The prospects are not bright. But there are a few small sparks of hope on the horizon. One is the peace committee. As was mentioned last week, we don't know what its report will be as yet, but it has to represent hope where there and talk through their problems with 22 diverse and determined people developed a statement that was acrepresent a way out of the problem.

If it is done it will be done because they will have sat down together and apart to start with. Otherwise they talked through any problems in making a consensus report.

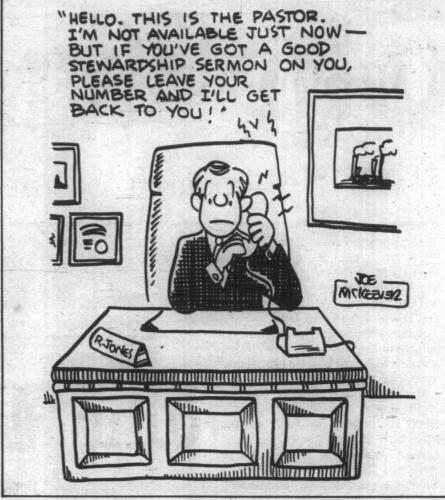
The seminary presidents' Glorieta

because those six men sat down

inerrancy conference The represents a spark of hope because 1,000 people sat for three days and listened as 15 or 16 men presented almost everyone present came away feeling as an inerrantist.

And now what could be the greatest spark of all, what could turn into a roaring bonfire of unity in diversity, has taken place. At the invitation of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, at least 29 people gathered to hammer out a statement on abortion. When it was over, 27 of the 29 voted for the statement. Abortion has been one of the issues that has been tearing us apart. Now we've had a group of people to sit down together might not be any otherwise. If those each other's views. As a result, they found what has been apparent all along. They really weren't too far never could have come to a common meeting place.

The hope is in talking to each other



and listening to each other. And this is not a need that has developed in the last eight years. It was a problem before 1979 and was the primary cause that brought about the conditions that were initiated in 1979.

Now we have the same problem but from a different perspective. Neither side was given to listening until the

peace committee was formed, and later the inerrancy conference was developed, and now the abortion question has been addressed.

Now all of those things have happened. Let's not let the significance escape us, We can come up with all of the formulas that we can manage to

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The Mississippi Mission Guest opinion . . .

Our Baptist colleges: "By their fruits . .

Appraised from any number of points of view, our Mississippi Baptist colleges deserve our high admiration and strong support; but by the standard of Matthew 7:16, "You shall know them by their fruits," our colleges deserve the citation, "WELL DONE"! The alumnae and alumni of our colleges, including Clarke College, now a division of Mississippi College, continue to reflect immense credit upon our colleges for

mind and heart during their college years.

The inspiring "fruit" of each college could fill volumes of true-life successes of its graduates in an amazing number of careers; but in view of space limitations, one outstanding graduate of each college will be presented; and readers will understand that these "samples of success" Carey College.

superlatively fine preparation of

Mississippi College

For 137 of it 161 years of existence, Mississippi College has been a Baptist institution; and, although it is impossible to document fully the contributions of its graduates to a wide spectrum of life careers, it is neither a presumption nor an exaggeration to state that no small college in America has made a larger contribution to more areas of service and to leadership through its graduates than has Mississippi College.

In addition to the scintillating and inspiring contributions to the various fields of Christian vocational service, the college has prepared a host of students for successful careers in medicine (including a president of the American Medical Association), law, could be multiplied almost limitless-, government officials, scientific World, Who's Who in Frontier ly. We shall list the colleges in research, and many other related alphabetical order; Blue Mountain careers. To select only one alumnus College, Mississippi College, William from the large and illustrious concourse of Mississippi College graduates is comparable to choosing but one star from a galaxy of stellar richness. But, in keeping with our plan

to present only one graduate from

By Chester Swor each of our Baptist colleges to represent a much larger group, let's meet Dr. J. H. Hamilton, who holds a distinguished Professorship of

Physics in Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Hamilton's undergraduate years were in Mississippi College, from which he graduated with the Bachelor of Science degrees in 1954. Subsequent master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees were earned in the University of Indiana. The field of nuclear physics is Dr. Hamilton's versatile career of teaching, research, writing, and lecturing. The writer of this article has never known of as many achievements and awards accomplished and received by any alumnus of any small college as Dr. Hamilton's record reveals.

In addition to being listed in Who's business, all levels of education, Who in America, Who's Who in the Sciences, and lecture or teaching assignments as a guest, he has delivered 58 scholarly papers in this country and abroad. He has delivered lecture series in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. He has filled with distinction assignments with the National

assignments in Sweden, The Netherlands, University of Frankfurt/Main in Germany, and in Tsing-Hue University, P. R. China. Under the heading of positions, Dr. Hamilton has filled 52 relationships of distinction.

While regarding with amazement and admiration the vast achievements of Dr. Hamilton's life, let's hear his inspiring tribute to the college which "launched" him.

"Mississippi College helped deepen my Christian faith to make it the core of my life. My Christian faith was crucial in giving me the personal strength and direction which I needed to succeed in graduate school and in my career. God opened doors to give me unusual opportunities to make a career in teaching and research.

College instilled in me a lifelong sures of the years. desire to learn (and to have) joy in Mathematics (Mississippi College audiences.

Science Foundation and scholarly professors) had helped develop in me the importance of having a physical understanding over a pure mathematical understanding of a problem. Physical insight and physical intitution continue to be of essential importance in my research work.

> "Through Mississippi College I met the young lady who became my wife.

'Thus, in all the major areas of my life I am deeply indebted to Mississippi College for giving me in my formative years a deepened commitment of my life to God, the right attitude and commitment to learning. and the one with whom I share my life.

Although our Baptist colleges continue to stress the priceless preparation of a student's mind, all three of our colleges are doing a superlatively fine cultivation of the heart . . . and the result, as with Dr. Hamilton, is a "Through close association and strong and balanced life . . . top flight strong personal commitment, many career preparation and character different professors at Mississippi strengthen which handles the pres-

Chester Swor of Jackson is known discovery. In graduate school I found throughout the world as an inspirathat Professors Barnes and Carlock in tional speaker for youth congrega-Physics and Professor Strange in tions as well as for all other

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FMB names couples from state

Four couples with Mississippi ties were appointed missionaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in May. The couples are Robert and Janice Mooney Jr.; Paul and Hannah Gay; Russell and Melinda Kyzar; and David and Phyllis Orr.

Robert and Janice Mooney were appointed to Zambia where he will start and develop churches. He is pastor of Arrowood Church, Meridian.

Mooney's father, Robert L. Mooney of Picayune, is a Baptist minister where he and his wife live. Mooney is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastor of Talisheek (La.) Church and Montgomery Church, Summit,

Mrs. Mooney, the former Janice Anglin, is the daughter of retired Baptist minister Houstin Anglin and his wife of Talisheek. She attended MC and has been a health department chief clerk in Slidell, La., and a hospital dietary assistant in McComb. She is a dietary assistant at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian.

The Mooneys have two children: Amanda Lyn, born in 1978; and Jennifer Colleen, 1982.

Paul and Hannah Gay were appointed to Ethiopia where he will be treasurer for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries and she will teach in a medical school.

He attends New Orleans Seminary. More recently he has been a partner in the Area Warehousing Company in Quitman. They are members of First Church, Jackson.

A Georgia native, he lived in Tupelo and Quitman. During college he attended Temple Heights Church in Oxford. He is a graduate of Ole Miss and earned the master of hospital administration degree from MC. He has been vice president of family businesses, Gay Doors, Inc., and Gay Pine Products, Inc., both in Quitman.

Mrs. Gay, the former Hannah Berry, was born and reared in Jackson where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Berry, live. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and earned the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. She has been a resident physician and an instructor of pediatrics at the University Medical Center in Jackson.

The Gays have two children: Daniel Evans, born in 1983; and Andrew Joseph, 1986.

Russell and Melinda Kyzar were appointed to Costa Rica where he will promote church music. Until January, he was minister of music and senior adults at Trinity Church, Kerrville,

Born in Jackson, Miss., Kyzar is the son on Mr. and Mrs. John Kyzar Jr., of Natchez. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of church music degree at Southwestern Seminary.

Kyzar has been a student summer missionary for the Home Mission (Continued on page 4)



The Mooneys



The Gays



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Messengers to face host of SBC issue

By Dan Martin

face a host of issues when they assem- Dallas or Atlanta. ble here June 16-18 for the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist tion say the annual meeting is the ob-Convention.

One thing which figured prominently in the last two conventions — 1985 in Dallas and 1986 in Atlanta — will be conspicuously absent: huge

The last two conventions have been the largest in the history of the 142-year-old convention, with Dallas drawing 45,519 registered messengers and Atlanta 40,987.

Convention planners are preparing for 25,000 to 28,000 messengers, although some experts predict the totals could go even lower, to around 23,000 or 24,000.

They point to lessened interest in the 1987 annual meeting, smaller facilities, and the fact that gatherings of the SBC in St. Louis have always featured smaller crowds.

For instance, in 1980, the last time year in Houston, when registration was 15,760. In 1971, attendance was 13,716, nearly the same as the previous year in Denver (13,692) which is not a center of Baptist strength. In 1961, attendance in St. Louis was 11,140, down from 13,612 the previous year in Miami Beach, also not a center of Baptist strength.

However, the expected lower attendance probably will be offset by the relatively small size of the Cervantes Convention Center. One planner said St. Louis' convention center is "a wonderful place for a convention of 18,000 to 20,000, but if we go over 30,000 here, we're in real trouble." So, even with the reduced size of the convention, the facilities may feel as crowd-

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Messengers will ed as the mammoth meeting halls of

Informed observers of the convenject of lessened interest this year. In the previous years, political rallies, activities, and rhetoric blazed in advance of the June meetings.

This year, there is a marked absence of "drum-beating" sessions by conservatives and moderates to turn out the vote.

The 1987 annual meeting is the ninth

in an announced 10-year effort to turn the convention to a more conservative stance which began in 1979 in Houston.

The conservative campaign has focused on four main planks: elect a conservative president who will appoint a conservative Committee on Committees, which will nominate conservatives to places on the Committee on Boards. The Committee on Boards, in turn, will nominate likeminded people to serve in places of

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Lottie Moon total tops \$69 million

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) - Receipts for the 1986 Southern Baptist Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions topped \$69 million, representing more than 92 percent of the \$75

When the financial books closed May 31, Southern Baptists had sent \$69,412,195.09 to help finance foreign missions work in 110 countries around

Receipts for the 1985 offering totaled just over \$66,862,000. The difference represents a 3.81 percent increase in giving, "roughly comparable to inflation," said Carl Johnson, Foreign Mission Board vice president for finance.

To reach the 1987 goal of \$75 million, Southern Baptists will be called on to increase their giving by about eight percent. The 1987 goal was decreased in early May from the original \$81 million to \$75 million, maintaining the previous year's goal.

As they announced the decision, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leaders expressed regret that the goal had to be decreased but cited the need to be realistic.

Peace chairman regrets delay of final report

"genuine regret about our inability to complete the report in time for its release a month or so prior to the convention as we announced we would try to do."

Additionally, he noted that the final statement will not call for additional doctrinal statements concerning SBC agency employees.

Chairman Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church here, made the comments in the wake of criticism of the Peace Committee because of its inability to make available its final report to Southern Baptists in advance of the 1987 annual meeting, scheduled June 16-18 in Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis.

The chairman said some months

the SBC met in St. Louis, attendance man of the Southern Baptist Convenable to release the report a month or nual meeting in Atlanta and is remeeting in time to allow messengers to study the final report. Following the May meeting of the group, however, Fuller admitted his hope may have been "ambitious."

The committee, created in the midst of controversy at the largest gathering in the history of the 14.6-million-member denomination the 1985 Dallas convention which drew more than 45,000 messengers — was structured to represent every area of convention life among its 22 members.

The committee was given the task of discovering the sources of the controversy in the SBC and making findings and recommendations on ways to bring about reconciliation. It has met 14 times since it was created,

ROANOKE, Va. (BP) - The chair- ago he hoped the committee would be made an interim report to the 1986 andwindled to 13,844 from the previous tion Peace Committee has expressed six weeks in advance of the annual quired to make its final report at the 1987 annual meeting.

Fuller expressed his regret in a letter to chief executives of the 20 national agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of the delay, he wrote: "The basic substance of the report has been finished since our meeting in May. But, there has ensued a month of effort at wording portions of the report so as to make it absolutely clear and, at the same time, not unjustifiably

"Although the result has been added delay, I am sure you would agree the care invested in wording is a very worthwhile investment."

Fuller said the Peace Committee (Continued on page 12)

capsules

HONG KONG (EP) students at China Zhongnan Theological Seminary have been suspended for distributing Christian literature that originated in Hong Kong. The students do not expect to be allowed to return to seminary.

The suspension of these students were reportedly part of an "antipenetration" campaign: a government effort to eliminate outside religious influences.

Angolans form new association

LUANDA, Angola - A new association of Baptist churches has been formed in Angola's capital city, Luanda. The seven self-supporting churches which formed the association support seven missions and several preaching points.

Each gives 20 percent of its income to the Angola Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program. And they voted to encourage each other to give another 10 percent to the new association.

Half million Bibles needed

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. (EP) -The International Bible Society (IBS) has launched a \$1 million campaign to place Bibles in schools of at least five African nations. Citing a lack of Scriptures in countries where religious education is part of the curriculum, IBS expects to meet a need for more than a half-million Englishlanguage, New International Version Bibles in schools in Kenya, Malawi, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The program will provide 24 free Bibles for each school, and will also make Bibles available for individual students.

Catholics plan to evangelize

VATICAN CITY (EP) - "The object is to give Jesus Christ a 2,000th birthday gift of a world more Christian than not," said the director of a massive Roman Catholic evangelistic effort that will begin in 1990 and culminate with a global satellite broadcast by the Pope on Christmas Day of the year 2000.

The finale of "Evangelization 2000" will employ small satellite dishes around the world. The Pope's message will be beamed to local Roman Catholic missionaries who will translate it into local languages. "We want to bring the world back to Christ," said the director.

Booking begins for world youth meet

McCLEAN, VIRGINIA — Denton Conference. The announcement was Gaborone was organized.

Students suspended made in January during a meeting of the international committee planning Eight the event. The Conference, which is expected to attract 10,000 Baptist youth aged 16-35 from one hundred nations, will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, July 27-31, 1988..

> Although the conference is still eighteen months away, Lotz reported that nearly 3,000 places have already been booked by two of the six official travel agencies arranging travel from the United States. "This is the greatest number of advanced bookings we've ever had this long before a conference," Lotz said.

Lesotho leaders profess faith

MASERU, Lesotho - Two key leaders in a village near Roma, Lesotho, were among seven adults who recently made professions of faith. A small Baptist group in the Lesotho capitol of Maseru established a preaching point in the mountain village. They invited Southern Baptist missionary Frank Baker, from Florida, to preach.

Fourteen people who were present at the Sunday morning service in Maseru went with Baker to the village where 19 adults, 6 young people and 25 children met them. During a threehour service nine adults, including the chief and the head woman, were saved.

BWA breakfasts coming next week

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BWA) -When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in annual session in St. Louis, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. will be in biennial meeting in Pittsburgh.

Both groups will feature the Baptist World Alliance through program reports and fellowship meals. BWA General Secretary-Treasurer Gerhard Claas will present the annual report.

Friends of the Baptist World Alliance will hold their annual Southern Baptist Convention breakfast at 7 a.m. Thursday in the Sheraton Hotel, next door to the Cervantes Convention Center. Tickets are \$12 at the BWA exhibit or at the door. If ordered in advance by mail, tickets are only \$10.

At the American Bapt biennial, the breakfast is scheduled for Friday morning. Tickets may be reserved by contacting Hugh Smith at ABC International Ministries in Valley Forge.

Bible study grows to church

GABORONE, Botswana - Less Lotz, director, Baptist World Alliance than two years after it started as a Youth Department, has announced his weeknight Bible study of John, the office has received the first bookings first Setswana-language Baptist missionaries from the Netherlands to attend the 11th Baptist Youth World church in Botswana capital of



Ervin Brown and Mancil Lanier

Cypress Corner, "suburb" church, joins Northwest

By Tim Nicholas

Cypress Corner Baptist Church is just about centered inside Strayhorn, Crenshaw, and Como. The founders did it that way so they wouldn't overrun one another's field of service.

"We call it the suburb," says Cypress Corner's only deacon, Mancil Lanier. Actually, it's open country in the southwestern corner of Tate

But the church members want to have fellowship among likeminded Baptists. So, they have petitioned the Northwest Baptist Association for membership. And the associational executive committee is recommending membership be approved.

'We didn't intend to be independent," says Lanier, 65, and retired on disability, but the church usually has had a Southern Baptist pastor.

Just before James Stevens left as pastor, he suggested the church join and so they went to Ervin Brown,

director of missions for Northwest. The church has begun to use Southern Baptist literature, it has another Southern Baptist as pastor, Jim Rosenkrans, who works for South Central Bell, and is readying to work cooperatively with the Strayhorn church in Vacation Bible School this

"Strayhorn has always been our friend," says Lanier, "they even gave us our baptistry."

Lanier has been a part of the Cypress Corner church since it began back in 1962. They had preaching in his house, several services under a nearby pecan tree, and finally put up a building. Lanier worked on the roof

There are about 32 members now, with just over 20 in Sunday School. It's been up to 60, says Lanier, and down to four, "but it'd always come back."

Peace chair regrets delay of report

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has scheduled a meeting for Sunday, June 14, during which the group will meet "as long as is necessary to assure the release of the report in its entirety for distribution through the Convention Bulletin, which will be available the morning of the opening day of the convention, June 16."

He released the text of his letter to Baptist Press and added other comments in regard to the release of the

He told Baptist Press! "The report does not call for any new doctrinal statement to be applied to employees of Southern Baptist agencies or institutions. The action which created the committee instructed us that the **Baptist Faith and Message Statement** of 1963 was to be the doctrinal statement around which we were to build the report.

'We have followed that statement throughout, and therefore, there will be no new doctrinal statement."

In the letter, he gave agency executives a "synopsis" of the report.

"The report is about 18 pages in length, containing seven sections, an introduction, the sources of the controversy, findings, conclusions, recommendations, notations, and acknowledgements," he wrote.

Of the recommendations, he said, "They number either 10 or 11, depending on the final wording, and they deal with a reaffirmation of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, the nature of fairness in presidential appointments, the matter of the parliamentarian, the nature and place of the Bible, the proprieties and improprieties of political activity, and the role of the press."

He added: "Needless to say, the assignment given us has been one of the most demanding we have ever undertaken. I still insist that regardless of how hard and honestly we may have worked, the effectiveness of our report or the successful facilitation of it are dependent upon divine intervention."

He concluded the letter by writing: 'Be assured of this. Regardless of what sides of the controversy the members represent, there has been a genuine effort to forge a way Southern Baptists can remain together and carry out the mission of world evangelization which brought us together 142 years ago. God knows my own heart has been emptied into this undertaking."

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

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Board in New Jersey; music director at Park Hill Church, Jackson; and served staff positions in Texas churches.

Born in Columbia, Miss., Mrs. Kyzar is the former Melinda Henderson, the daughter of Guy and Lois Henderson of Clinton. Her parents are former missionaries to South Korea and the Philippines, and her father is director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

She is a graduate of Mississippi College. She has been a music teacher and accompanist in Kerrville and has been a piano instructor in Kerrville and pianist at Trinity Church there.

The Kyzars have two children: Ryan Russell, born in 1979; and Ross Evan, 1983.

David and Phyllis Orr were appointed to South Brazil where he will start and develop churches. He is pastor of Elkridge (Md.) Church. A Louisiana native, he attended Delta State University and is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University. He earned a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Orr, the former Phyllis Mayfield, is a native of Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University.

The Orrs have two children: Nikki Noelle, born in 1982; and Justin David,

Hungary sends out missionary

BUDAPEST, Hungary - When Gabriella Kamilla Furedi begins working in Sierra Leone in June, she will become the first Hungarian sent out by the European Baptist Mission. The single woman will work with two and one from Finland in the Muslim preachers in the Budapest area. town of Kassiri, population 2,000.

A 1975 graduate of the Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Budapest, she has worked as office secretary at the Hungarian Baptist Union headquarters in Budapest the past six years. She often has preached and served as interpreter for guest

Lundstrom Crusade in Utah sees 1,200 come to Christ

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (EP) -Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom and his ministry team conducted a city-wide crusade in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 10-17, and saw about 1,200 people step forward to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ. More than 33,000 people reportedly attended the crusade, which was held at the University of

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Texas Baptists assist Saragosa tornado victims

SARAGOSA, Texas (BP) - Baptists provided disaster relief immediately to victims of the tornado which nearly leveled this West Texas town, killing 29 people and injuring 121.

A crew of volunteers from Westside Baptist Church in Odessa fed breakfast to about 100 people in the disaster area the morning after the tornado.

Because the quick response of local volunteers met the needs of the disaster victims, the Texas Baptist disaster relief mobile unit was not requested.

Disaster relief volunteers from First Baptist Church of Pecos, 25 miles away, mobilized immediately, said their pastor, Gary W. Boyd. At the hospital, some volunteers assisted tornado victims and their families.

Others, using a 40-foot enclosed trailer van, began around-the-clock feeding operations to storm victims, utility, and cleanup crews and law enforcement officials. They issued rain gear and flash lights and then began collecting loads of food and clothing. Other churches used First Baptist of Pecos, as a collection point.

The church has set up a food and clothing bank.

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Church staffs, deacons, spouses hold conference

fessor at New Orleans Seminary, will Albany, will be music leader. Stacy be Bible study leader for the Church Andrews, also of Hillcrest, will be Administration-Pastoral Ministries Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, July 6-8.

The conference is for all church staffers and their spouses, plus deacons and their spouses, and for directors of missions. Provision will be made for activities for youths, children, and preschoolers.

Felix and Shirley Montgomery of Nashville will be featured speakers. Felix, a career support consultant at the Sunday School Board, will lead a session for pastors, directors of missions, and ministers of education concerning growing personally and professionally. Shirley, an author, will lead a conference for ministers'

Eddie Thompson, minister of music

Billy Simmons, New Testament pro- and youth at Hillcrest Church, New accompanist.

Other sessions will be aimed at such groups as associational and church stewardship leaders; secretaries; kindergarten and day care workers; deacons and their wives; youths; children; and preschoolers.

The program begins with registration at 11 a.m., July 6, and concludes after lunch, July 8.

Those interested in attending should make reservations at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571, including \$30 per person deposit. Also, contact Julius Church Thompson, Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, to indicate which special interest sessions will be attended.

missions in Japan By Erich Bridges TOKYO (BP) - While American you wipe one third off the top of that." televangelists feud over millions, mis-

sionaries in Japan are counting

Dollar slide hits

The value of the U.S. dollar has plunged to its lowest level against the Japanese yen since World War II. And the fall of the once-mighty dollar on overseas markets is not just hurting Japanese corporate giants like Honda and Mitsubishi. It is hurting the work of missionaries.

Southern Baptist mission work worldwide is paid for with dollars, which missionaries convert to local currencies. When the value of the dollar drops against a local currency, missionaries lose buying power. That affects both their living expenses and their work funds

Periodic cost-of-living salary adjustments from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board cover missionaries' personal needs. But there are no "cost-of-working" adjustments. Lost buying power overseas has the same impact on foreign missions as a decrease in mission offerings from U.S. churches.

"We've tightened our belts, and we are more careful because we aren't sure what is going to happen," said Japan missionary Phyllis Goss. "It's scary when you're on the field and this is happening. You want to do things, but there's not the money to do it."

The 201 Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan have been doing a lot of belt-tightening and budgettightening lately. So have their colleagues in Europe and western Africa. The dollar has been sliding not only against the yen, but also against the French, Swiss and Belgian francs, German mark, English pound, Austrian schilling, and other

To be effective, missionaries must travel, train national believers, start new churches, produce materials, and do many other things that cost money. And when the money is tight, "cutting back" on work budgets is easier said than done.

"We have a lot of missionaries who ride bikes, who walk, who take other alternative forms of transportation if the nature of their work allows it," reported Keith Parker, director for Europe. "But this is a dollar question, a stewardship question. You can find cheaper places to live farther out.

But if you save money on rent do you really save if you have to commute in a car and pay all the upkeep and insurance?" Fuel costs in Europe, he added, are "phenomenal."

Missionaries in Japan plan their work for each new year with a fixed number of dollars, which they eventually convert to yen. They anticipated getting 220 yen for each dollar last year but averaged only 165. They planned for 160 yen to the dollar this year, but during the spring the exchange rate dropped below 140. That adds up to more than a 30 percent drop in buying power during the past 18 months.

"It affects you at every level," said Gerald Burch, interim mission business manager in Japan. "What you had planned to do during the year,

The dollar-yen exchange had inched back to around 145 by early June, but some economists do not expect it to rise much more this year. New Japan mission programs are on hold,

and existing ones have been reduced. Travel is now at a bare minimum too expensive.

The Japan missionaries rarely gather in one place except for annual mission meetings. Those in isolated areas feel the loneliness. So do their children. Meanwhile 22 new missionaries arrived last year, most with children, adding large new strains to work and education budgets.

Missionaries from neighboring Taiwan, South Korea, and Hong Kong have shifted some budget funds to their Japan colleagues. The Foreign Mission Board's East Asia office has sent extra money. But the Japan budget is still running in the red. And deficits will carry over to next year.

On the plus side, Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan and elsewhere enjoy two big financial advantages which many missionaries from other denominational groups lack. First, they receive full, regular financial support from churches through Southern Baptist Cooperative Program giving and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign

Second, when their personal buying power drops (or jumps) because of dollar exchange rates, inflation or local economic conditions, they receive cost-of-living salary adjustments, as often as necessary. "So you can't paint the picture too bleak," said Burch.

But Japan has gobbled up \$1 million in missionary cost-of-living adjustments since the beginning of 1986. That is much more than the rest of Asia and Africa combined, and more than a third of the total spent worldwide.

And cost-of-living adjustments are not perfect. They typically take a month or two to catch up with economic conditions. When a salary adjustment is down, missionaries benefit from the lag time before it takes effect. But when it goes up, they cannot regain the dollar value they lost while waiting for the increase.

The dollar may regain its former strength overseas. But the cost of missions will keep rising in the advanced economies of Japan and Europe. Is it worth it?

'There's always the option of not sending additional missionaries out here or cutting the work force here." suggested Japan mission treasurer Richard Curtis. "There's been discus-

But Burch does not want to see that happen: "I don't think we can very easily cut off a nation like Japan because of the cost of doing business here, the cost of being here. We've got to look at it from the same viewpoint the Lord would, and that is the value of one soul, the value of anybody coming to know the Lord. The Lord didn't count the cost, because he gave his entire life for it."

Erich Bridges writes for the FMB.

CLC seeks to unify anti-abortion forces

By Tim Fields

ST. LOUIS (BP) - A diverse group effectively combat abortion. Suggesof Southern Baptists met here to forge a statement on the sacredness of human life designed to unite forces against abortion in the 14.6-millionmember denomination in spite of differing views on the controversial

During the two-day consultation on alternatives to abortion sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the group also outlined steps for education and action in an effort to help stop the estimated 1.2 million abortions performed each year in the United States.

The pastors, laypeople, and denominational workers hammered out the statement — designed to set aside differences which have caused division in the denomination and to move beyond disagreements on allowances for abortion under certain circumstances — in order to call all Southern Baptists to action on the

The group voted 27 to 2 to adopt the following statement on abortion:

"Human life from conception is sacred and must be protected and nurtured in all its aspects. Abortion at any stage of pregnancy is ending human life and is a grave act with tragic spiritual, emotional, physical, and social consequences. In those incidents in which this divine ideal is be speaking strongly against abortion not fulfilled, there can be redemption and will be calling on Southern Bapin God's grace. Therefore:

"Let us speak forcefully and une- human life." quivocally against abortion on dealternatives to abortion.

caught in the tragedy of abortion."

Prior to the vote, CLC Chairman responsible for the abortion issue. Lynn P. Clayton called the statement that all Southern Baptists can move plans to take in coming months:

stop fighting each other over excep- and publication of proceedings of the tions and start fighting together meeting for distribution to Southern against abortion," Clayton added.

Larry Lewis, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Home 1987 issue of Light, the commission's Mission Board said: "I see this as a ethics publication, on the theme of common ground statement that this alternatives to abortion. very diverse group can come together on for this particular meeting." Lewis videotapes on alternatives to abortion added the statement does not address for children, youth, and adults. the human life amendment, the use of — The establishment of a Southe tax money, or euthanasia.

Baker told participants the statement sion to provide current information on simply is an expression of par- all aspects of the abortion issue. ticipants in the consultation but will be used by the commission as "a call in March 1988 on Christian citizenship, to concern to galvanize Southern Bap- including issues related to abortion, tists around the abortion issue."

involved discussion of education and issues. ministry needs the group felt are Tim Fields writes for the Christian necessary to help Southern Baptists Life Commission.

tions included:

More information is needed on crisis pregnancy centers operated by Southern Baptists.

The Home Mission Board should train home missionaries or Mission Service Corps volunteers and make them available to serve in crisis pregnancy centers.

Additional pregnancy centers need to be established by local churches or by the Home Mission Board.

- The Christian Life Commission should provide additional educational resources for Southern Baptists on the enormity of the abortion issue.

The Christian Life Commission should put more passion into its pamphlets and other resources on abortion in order to convey the urgency of the problem and move people to action.

The Christian Life Commission needs to develop biblically-based sex education materials for children, youth, and adults which can be used in the home and the church.

Southern Baptist agencies need to develop programs and resources which will help churches minister to women who have had abortions.

In the concluding session of the consultation, Baker told participants:

"I as executive director will be giving aggressive, highly visible public leadership to the abortion issue. I will tists to act in behalf of sanctity of

He reminded participants of the mand and with all vigor encourage decision less than a month ago to upgrade the abortion issue to a ma-"Let us pledge ourselves to be jor program assignment. Robert compassionate, aggressive agents of Parham, an associate director of the God's grace in nurturing human life commission whose previous major and in taking God's grace to those staff responsibility was for world hunger education and action, is now

Baker also announced the following "a declaration of war against abortion actions, which he said the commission

- A national conference on abor-"If we pass this statement, we can tion Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 1987, in Nashville Baptists.

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- National seminars in Washington and in Kansas City, Mo. in 1989 on A major portion of the consultation abortion and other life-and-death



Children's educators elect officers

These are officers in the newly organized Mississippi Ministers of Childhood Education. Pictured are Nancy Bullock, minister of childhood education at Parkway Church, Jackson; and Julia Summerlin, minister of childhood education at Fairview Church, Columbus. Bullock is vice chairman, Summerlin is chairman, and Jeanne Crasto, minister of childhood education at Ridgecrest church, Jackson, not pictured, is secretary-treasurer. Thirteen of the group met in Jackson recently to organize and attend a seminar on "surviving in the job," said Summerlin. The seminar was led by Ray Evette of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The organization is open to those working with preschoolers or children. part time or full time on church staffs.

Inerrancy Conference book will be available at SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) - A new book containing the major addresses and Conference on Biblical Inerrancy will be available in the book store at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in mid-June.

Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. It was sponsored by the six SBC seminaries.

"The Proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy 1987," published by Broadman Press, contains the major addresses by five outside scholars, responses from Southern Baptists and papers presented in the special interest seminars.

Major speakers were Kenneth Kantzer, chancellor of Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill.; J.I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia; Robert Preus, president of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Clark Pinnock, professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario; and Millard Erickson, dean of Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul,

Respondents were selected to represent a wide spectrum of beliefs conresponses from the Southern Baptist , cerning inerrancy and included SBC President Adrian Rogers, Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist Church in Richmond, The conference was held May 4-7 at Va.; Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas; and Bill Hull, provost at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

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Tennessee high courts view churches as PACs

By Charlie Warren

NASHVILLE (BP) - The Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled churches that speak out on referenda issues must declare themselves to be political action committees and file disclosure statements.

The 5-0 decision overturned an earlier ruling by the Tennessee Court of Appeals that favored 13 Jacksonarea churches accused of operating as a PAC to fight liquor by the drink. Representatives of 10 of the 13 churches subsequently have reaffirmed their decision to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

John Lee Taylor, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church and spokesman for the 13 churches, read a statement prepared by the group that met May 29. Taylor is a former Mississippi pastor.

"We have reviewed carefully one of the cardinal principles on which our democracy was founded - the separation of church and state," the statement declared. "The issue for which we contend continues to be of such consequence to the exercising of our religious faith that we have reaffirmed our decision made earlier to pursue it to the highest court of our

"Our legal counsel team has been asked to file our appeal at the earliest possible date," the statement continued. "Our attorneys anticipate the United States Supreme Court's willingness to hear our case.

"We should like to state again in unequivocal terms that we are churches. We are not political action committees. We believe that as churches, we have the constitutional right to exercise our religious faith publicly

without interference by the state.

'Morally and doctrinally, we are conscience bound to address issues that may or may not appear on a ballot in an election. Because we confront publicly a moral issue that has become a part of an election process does not transform us from being a church to being a political action committee.

"The ramifications of this issue impact the religious community across America, not just 13 churches in Jackson, Tenn.," the statement said.

"There will be other moral issues on ballots that churches must confront as a matter of faith and practice without being labeled political action committees across our land. The preservation of the doctrine of the separation of church and state must be preserved."

In its decision, the Tennessee high court wrote, "We think that the sole determinative issue is whether the act the Tennessee Campaign Financial Disclosure Act) violates the free speech clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. We find it unnecessary to address the other issues to resolve this

The justices also noted: "The recent history of campaign financial abuses as well as the growth and possible dominance of special interest political action committees make the state's disclosure requirements necessary to allow the public to have some gauge by which to assess the sources, content and frequency of campaign publicity and activity.

"As enacted, the Campaign Finan-(Continued on page 10)

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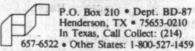
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SBC on BTN

Rocky Henriquez of Clarksdale Baptist Church phoned the Baptist Record to tell of his church's plan to project the entire Southern Baptist Convention proceedings on a large screen (9 feet by 12 feet) from 8:30 a.m., June 16 to 4:30 on June 18. A quick check with Farrell Blankenship, MBCB broadcast service director, showed that other churches and associations were making similar plans. Below is what is probably an incomplete listing of places and times for Baptists to get a sampling of SBC activities.

		The second control of the second
Association or Church	Time Available	Location
Hinds-Madison	8:30-4:30	Learning Center
Calvary, Jackson	8:30-close	Fellowship Hall
Covington-Jeff Davis	Tues. 11:25-7:50 pm	Association Center
	Wed 12-8:20	
	Thur. 11:10-close	
Baptist Building, Jackson	8:30-4:45 pm	Chapel
Pike County Association	8:30-close	Association office
Lauderdale Association	8:30-close	Baptist Center
Washington Association	8:30-close	McCaw Cablevision Cable 15
Jones County Association	8:30-close	First BC, Laurel- Sanctuary
Calvary, Tupelo	8:30-close	Family Ministry
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Calvary, West Point	8:30-close	Pastor's Office
FBC, Byhalia	8:30-close	Fellowship Hall
FBC, Biloxi	8:30-4:30 pm	Education Office
Fairview, Columbus	8:30-close	Multi-Purpose Room
FBC, Cleveland	8:30-close	Fellowship Hall
FBC, Escatawpa	8:30-close	BTN Room
FBC, Hazlehurst	8:30-close	Library & Church Parlor
FBC, Kosciusko	8:30-close	Crafts Room
FBC, Lucedale	8:30-close	Adult 4 Sunday School Room
FBC, Magee	8:30-close	Adult 3 Dept. Room
FBC, Moss Point	8:30-close	BTN Room
FBC, Picayune	8:30-close	Music Suite
FBC, Saltillo	8:30-close	Fellowship Hall
Harrisburg, Tupelo	8:30-close	Room 160
FBC, Brandon	8:30-close	Church Media Center
Morgantown, Natchez	8:30-close	Worship Center
Parkway, Tupelo	8:30-close	BTN Room
South 28th Ave., Hattiesburg	8:30-5 pm	Blue Room
Temple, Hattiesburg *	8:30-5 & Wed. pm	Library
FBC, Charleston	8:30-close	Church Media Library
Gulf Coast Association	8:30-5 pm	FBC, Gulfport - church office
First, Philadelphia	8:30-close	Fellowship Hall
FBC, Purvis	8:30-close	Family Room- Family Life Center
FBC, Carthage	8:30-close	Church Media Library
West Jackson Street, Tupelo	8#30-close	Church auditorium

ACTS to cast SBC portions

The ACTS television network will the Foreign Mission Board report. feature live excernts from the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Con- the SBC sermon by Jerry Vines, co- Orleans Seminary. Bruce Cannon has vention, June 16-18.

a.m. (all times are CST), June 16 with report will be featured. the presidential address of Adrian

The next day will feature pastor of First Church, Jacksonville been called as minister of singles. Programming will begin at 11:15 and at 8 p.m. the Home Mission Board Cannon is a graduate of Criswell

Rogers. That evening at 7 p.m. will be progress at 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

James R. Chatham, II has been called as pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. Chatham has been serving as associ-

ate pastor of Germantown Church, Memphis. He received his BS degree from Union University, his masters from Southwestern Semnary, and his doc-

Chatham torate from New Orleans Seminary.

Tanya Lidberg, a sophomore at Clarke College in Newton County, has been called as youth director for the summer at Blackwater Church of the Lauderdale Association. Her home church is Calvary Church, Gloster. Steve West is pastor.

Philip Copeland is the summer minister of music and youth at Providence Church, Meadville. He began work on May 31.

Wayne Edwards has resigned as pastor of First Church, Eudora, and has accepted the call of First Church, Clinton, to serve as minister of education.

Ralph Mitchell has resigned the pastorate of Toccopola Church, Pontotoc County. He is attending New Orleans Seminary.

Kenneth E. Walters has accepted the call to become pastor of Nineteenth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, effective May 17. Walters served as pastor of First Church, Mount Olive from 1982 to 1987. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He and his wife, Faye, are the parents of three children, Shelia and Ken attend William Carey College and Paul will be a senior at Hattiesburg High School.

Herbert Stewart has resigned as pastor of Cedarview Church. Northwest Association.

R. J. Bostick accepts the call to be pastor of First Church, Hickory Flat. Bostick has been pastor of churches in Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee.

Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, has recently added two new staff members. Dyer Harbor went to Colonial Hills from First Church, Pinson. Ala. to serve as minister of youth. Harbor is a graduate of Samford University, and has attended New Center for Biblical Studies, and is June 18 will offer the convention in presently a student at Mid-America Theological Seminary.

Evangelicals pledge to fight anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — Leaders of the Christian evangelical and fundamentalist community have pledged to work with the Jewish Anti-Defamation (ADL) League of B'nai B'rith to correct the "evils of anti-Semitism and other forms of religious bigotry" in the U.S.

The pledge, part of a joint statement

followed an all-day meeting at ADL However, ADL leaders labeled as headquarters spurred by a nationwide survey of evangelical and fundamen- those polled believe that "Jews can talist attitudes toward Jews.

Christian faith and convictions as Christ as Savior."

announced at a news conference, justification for anti-Semitic views." "troubling" findings that 59 percent of never be forgiven for what they did to Jesus until they accept Him as the The survey revealed that most true savior," and that 50 percent evangelicals and fundamentalists do believe that Christians should "activenot "consciously use their deeply-held ly help lead Jews to accept Jesus

Staff Changes

First Church, Columbus, has called Bobby Douglas as pastor. A native of Bruce, he has been a pastor for 25 years and has served churches in Mississippi, Arizona, and Tennessee. For the past 10 years he has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Hixon, Tenn. He hold degrees from Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary.

His wife, Cynthia, native of Virginia, is a graduate of University of Richmond and New Orleans Seminary. The Douglases have three children, Doug, 20; Susan, 18; and Caleb, 12.

Barry Sneed has joined the staff of First Church, Oxford, as minister to youth and students.

First Church, Kosciusko, has called



James Foster Yates Jr., as fulltime minister of youth and activities, effective May 15. He is a native of Yazoo City and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Terry Partin has been called as a staff youth worker for the summer at West End Church, West Point.

Necia Bryant is summer youth worker at Longview Church, Pontotoc

Dwain Ard has resigned as pastor of Chesterville Calvary Church, Pontotoc County.

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"I will set up one Shepherd over them," I heard the Saviour say. And it seemed as if he had planned it For them to grow in just such a way. Twelve of them in all, so stately, Though with limbs so straggly and bare. "And I the Lord will be their God,"

He whispered, "So long as I leave them here." Then the big one waved a small twig. As if to shake it at me, Saying, "I was put here for protection For all the small ones, you see." Then looking to its top I detected Only one green shoot on a limb, And I knew that after spring and summer, Their fruit would be sufficient for him.

Often like the trees, the winter of our souls Grows low and ever so dim -But with only a flicker of our Shepherd's finger, We can bear much fruit for him.

> -Velma Windham **Taylorsville**

Some happy chemical

Did you ever pick huckleberries in the rain wet playfully teasing, then seriously unceasing two ladies in the rain? Mama's pink bonnet had ducked its head. "Did you ever notice," I prodded and said, "when it rains, most people start sqealing and run; they don't keep on peeling little berries off a bush to fill a bucket no matter how lush the pie for supper may be." But Mama just smiled at me as we picked in rain without thunder. I used to be scared of thunder and wonder if God was aiming to punish me. But Mama said, "When you hear thunder, believe me, the lightning, the danger is over."

I somehow flashed back to New Orleans, to hover in flood and rain going home from work by transfer from bus but no flooded street could deter me, soaked to my dignified waist. A storekeeper yelled encouragement, "Make haste! It's safe to wade across. I had to run some boys away who were swimming in that street at play.' "Oh!" I moaned. "Six years old, tow-headed? My son?" When I got home to the Jacksonian my child said, "Mama, I went swimming in Josephine Street."

Our buckets full of glistening berries, I heard my Mama explain, "There's some happy chemical in rain."

-Violet Tackett, McComb



Letters to the editor





Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved Pastor in Germany under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

Summed up well

The secretary who wrote "Two sides to the Story" put it just like it is, and I want to thank her for the letter. I really thought she or he was from my church. The whole letter summed up things so well.

Buford Cruthirds Ocean Springs

Centennial for Sidon

On Sept. 27, 1987, the Sidon Baptist Church will celebrate its centennial.

We are seeking the whereabouts of the following former pastors of our

C. S. Thomas, N. S. Jackson, H. E. (Gene) Crawford, W. W. Miller, Morrell Lee, R. L. Jordan, Marion S. Riley, C. D. Canady, George Faulkner, Seth Mitchell.

If anyone has this or other information that could be helpful please send

Sidon Baptist Church P. O. Box 85 Sidon, MS 38954 Attn: Centennial Committee Thank you for helping us. Sidon Baptist Church

The Grove City bill

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of the Grove City Bill now being debated for the third year in the U.S. Senate could be used by the federal courts to force hospitals like Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and St. Dominic's Hospital to provide abortion services on demand. Pro-life senators have simply tried to amend this legislation

to make it abortion-neutral, which has caused the pro-abortion side to kill this so-called Civil Rights Act the last two years. With the change of leadership in Congress, grass roots Christians must act now to prevent this legislation from becoming law. If your readers care to voice their opinion they can write Senator Cochran and Senator Stennis c/o The Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Bill Conlee Chairman, Mississippi Chapter Southern Baptists For Life

150 for Holly Springs

On June 21, 1987, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, MS, will be celebrating our sesquicentennial. We would appreciate your placing this information and request in the Baptist

Invitations have been sent out to all former members whose names and addresses that we have been able to obtain.

We know that many have not been contacted and we would like to invite all former members to come and celebrate with us that day. Many former pastors and staff members will be present. Dinner will be served by the church. If you or some member of your family are former members and can attend on June 21, we would request that you let the

church know by writing to P. O. Box 428, Holly Springs, MS 38635, or calling 601-252-2627.

Thank you for your help in this

Pattie Dent, chairman research committee

Trinity Baptist Church in Metterich, West Germany, has recently been informed that the pastor will be leaving in June 1987. The pastor search committee has now begun the process of seeking a new pastor. Trinity Baptist Church is located halfway between Bitburg and Spangdahlem, West Germany. The membership is primarily U.S. military personnel and families coming from some 19,000 Americans assigned to either Spangdahlem or Bitburg Air Bases. Therefore, the fellowship is in need of a spiritual leader who is capable of coping with an ever changing congregation due to military reassignments. We have an average Sunday morning attendance of 150 and are a financially stable

Trinity Baptist Church is associated with the European Baptist Convention and is founded upon the principles and doctrines of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We request your assistance in maka ing our needs known to any individual who feels led to minister to a military community here in Germany. We would request a resume of the pastor's work, and a brief history of his life.

Please give this information the widest possible dissemination so we can begin corresponding with anyone interested in a ministry at Trinity. Thank you for any assistance you might give and we solicit your prayers as we try to live within God's will.

Please address all replies as

Jonathan N. Pietschman PSC Box 5482 APO New York, 09132-5378

If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as

Las Vegas convention

Ljust returned from a brief vacation in Las Vegas, Nev., to visit some of my dear college and seminary buddies who are ministering there. When we got onto the plane to return, it seemed that everyone on that plane was broken-hearted. Most of those on board were broken-hearted because of all the money they had lost on "The Strip." However, my wife and I were broken hearted because of the lack of laborers in a field that is so white unto harvest.

Mike Fiddler and Johnny Hughes, both with Mississippi ties are ministers in Las Vegas. Mike is the minister of music and youth at Red Rock Southern Baptist Church and also the volunteer BSU director at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Johnny is the pastor of Paradise Valley Southern Baptist Church. They shared with us about what the Lord is doing in Las Vegas. They shared what the Lord could be doing as well if he had the resources.

Mike shared with me about what life is like in Las Vegas. The work by Baptists in Las Vegas is done with a sense of urgency. A few years back, the members of Red Rock Southern Baptist Church wanted to help start a new church, so half the membership left to start this new congregation. That is not unusual. Churches in Las Vegas do not get to the super churches that we know here in the south because the membership is constantly leaving to start new churches. For example, Red Rock is the fourth largest church in the state, and it averages a little over 200 in Sunday School. Every lay member that I met was evangelistically oriented.

All of this is to say that I am thankful for the plans that are being made by the Home Mission Board and the Nevada Baptist Convention for the 1989 SBC. I will be there at that con-

vention, but don't look for me to become part and party to the haggling for microphone time to fight over convention politics. The opportunity is too precious for that. Instead, I want to be a part of the team that is going to strengthen the body of Christ in Las

> Arnold L. Chavers, pastor, Crosby Baptist Church

Audit finds Missouri lottery owes taxpayers

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) -Missouri Lottery officials have shortchanged state taxpayers by more than \$5.5 million, according to a study by state Auditor Margaret Kelly.

In a detailed audit that contained more than 50 recommendations in 23 specific areas, Kelly recommended the lottery commission transfer an additional \$5.5 million to the state general revenue fund and in the future "be consistent in its application of the constitution and state statutes."

Kelly labeled the lottery officials' actions as "an obvious effort . . . to increase their reserve account and deprive taxpayers of \$5.5 million which should be in the state's general operating funds.

In other findings and recommendations, Kelly addressed such concerns as the lottery director's annual salary, excessive consulting fees, loss of interest income due to time lags, questionable advertising techniques and failure to disclose actual odds of winning.

Probably the heaviest burden that a man carry is today's work and tomorrow's worrying at the same time.

Faces And Places by anne washburn mc williams

From one Philadelphia to another

Mississippi has more beauty spots than you could possibly imagine. I found one in Neshoba County five miles north of Philadelphia. "Watch for a sharp curve," they had said. A red mail box, a green ridge, and a house under a grove of pecan trees. Pecan Ridge, they call it. Paul and Louise Leber were waiting for me on the patio that he built.

I guess you could call Paul Leber an all-American preacher. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and retired early in Philadelphia, Mississippi. (Except retired is an inexact term. He's pastor of High Hill Church. If you've ever heard L. Gordon Sansing talk about Neshoba County, you might remember that's the church where he grew up.)

Paul has either studied or preached, or some of both, in at least six states. The first time I saw him was in 1955, in London near the Royal Albert Hall. Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Baptist Record editor, introduced him as a member of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee. (Later he was on the same committee when Dr. Joe Odle was editor.)

In October, 1980, I heard about his marriage to Louise Cartledge, director of adult education and promotion at Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La. Schuyler Batson performed the ceremony. A former pastor at Emmanuel, Schuyler is now associate pastor at First Church, Jackson. Paul's first wife, Sybil Deweese, had died in 1979.

Louise was born at Winona and was graduated from Blue Mountain and Southwestern Seminary. I knew she had been education director at Biloxi and Oxford, but didn't know how her romance with Paul Leber came about. By asking a lot of questions, I found out. She was Sybil's roommate in college, and one of the bridesmaids in Sybil and Paul's wedding at Spring Creek Church, Neshoba County, quarter of a mile from Pecan Ridge.

At the time of Sybil's death, Paul was pastor in Reisterstown, Maryland. "Louise just kept writing me," he remembers. He drove 1,400 miles to his wedding in Alexandria.

Though Paul came from an independent Baptist background, he later felt led to become a Southern Baptist. His grandmother's prayers contributed to the course his life took. "She prayed that my father would become a preacher," he said. His father, who through an accident lost vision in one eye, earned his living as a house painter. Step by step, Paul followed the Lord's direction, and when he did decide to enter the ministry he felt he was carrying out his grandmother's wishes.

Pennsylvania

His childhood days were spent in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He picked tomatoes, drove a truck for Campbell Soup Company, painted houses with his father, and after high school graduation, worked in a factory.

Rheumatic fever at age 21 was the cause of his moving south to a warmer climate. His mother and Aunt Margaret took him to live with friends in Florida. There he studied at Florida Bible College, where Billy Graham got his start. He was graduated later from Columbia Bible College and the University of South Carolina.

Texas

By this time he had definitely answered God's call to service. In 1947 he drove to Fort Worth, Texas, in a 1937 Chevy to enroll at Southwestern Seminary. There he met Sybil, a Mississippian from Philadelphia who had been on church staffs in Crystal Springs (while Dr. Odle was pastor) and Carthage.

Three weeks before their wedding he accepted the pastorate of Caddo Mills, Texas, at \$50.00 a week. She resigned her job as director of adults and youth education at First Baptist Church, San Antonio, to move into the pastorium with him, so he says they ate a lot of salmon croquettes.

Mississippi

When Henry Shirley was retiring as pastor of the church at Purvis, Mississippi, he (and I presume the church) invited Paul to Mississippi to preach a trial sermon. After the sermon, it was discovered that the Pulpit was Sybil's "old homeplace" of 85 Committee had been absent that

"Come back and preach again at the night service," Shirley said.

"No. I have another engagement for tonight. If the Lord is in this, then the church will call me anyway." They did, and he stayed as Purvis pastor for seven years. Two children, Mary Gaye and Paul Jr., were added to his family there. (He now has three 11.)

grandchildren.)

When he left his longest pastorate, East Moss Point, in 1971, to return to Southwestern to study for a Master of Theology degree, he took a step of faith, for he didn't know from whence living expenses would come. For a while he worked in a store and in a factory. Sybil found a job in the library of a public school. He preached in a church in Weathersford a year, and then Arlington Heights Church, Fort Worth, called him as pastor.

temporary Ferment in the Pastoral Ministry." He says now that his return for further study proved to be a turning point in his life and ministry. "I turned more toward expository preaching, and I became more compassionate and loving, more positive toward my church people.'

Maryland

During the years, 1974-1983, when he was pastor in Reisterstown, Maryland, he was on the Counseling Board of the Baltimore Baptist Association and president of the Baltimore Baptist Ministers' Conference. His church began a day care and kindergarten and took part in beginning a mission at Owings Mills.

When he retired in 1983 he and Louise moved to Pecan Ridge, which acres. Besides their duties at High Hill, he is pastoral ministries director and she is director of single adults for the Neshoba Association.

From the appearance of his healthy garden, he's a good farmer. And from the taste of muffins Louise served me with coffee, I could tell she is a good

(See article about High Hill, on p.



His thesis was on the subject, "Con- Paul and Louise Leber stand beside their scuppernong arbor at Pecan Ridge

Needed:

Volunteers in Brazil

Brazil is in need of volunteers this year to help construct a small chapel for the Baptist congregation in Boa Ventura. Needed are two carpenters, four brick layers, and several helpers.

An evangelistic team is already in the area and another team needs to be recruited for travel to North Brazil later this year.

The Living Water project is helping the arid, 15-inch per year rainfall area, have a safe, dependable water supply. Don Blasingame, past president, and Bobby Redding, projects coordinator for the Mississippi Baptist Agricultural Missions Fellowship, recently spent two weeks in Brazil on the project. Blasingame, plant pathologist for the Cooperative Extension Service at Mississippi State University, worked in Brazil with the Clinton, MS 39056, or phone 924-6429.

A Living Water project in North farming projects and helped to plan an agricultural extension program for the 13-county area of the Living Water project, Painco Valley, Paraiba, Brazil.

> Redding, assistant director of the Bureau of Environmental Health for Mississippi's Department of Health, recommended improvements to local water systems. A focus of the project is to build slow sand filters. Other goals include development of irrigation and sewage treatment systems, and construction of community centers to house job training, literacy, and health care programs.

Those interested in participating, may contact the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, or phone 968-3800. Redding may be contacted at 1418 Huntcliff Way,



Paul Leber hoes his garden.

MSU students go to build church, are welcomed on 'Hollywood Squares'

By Marilyn Bedford

The Baptist Student Union from the general landscaping and brick-laying. the game show, will begin the pro-University of Southern Mississippi nia in May for a nine-day mission trip. The team served in Orange, Calif., southeast of Los Angeles.

First Southern Baptist Church of Orange hosted the team, which helped with the construction of the church's new 12,000 square-foot classroom/kitchen/gymnasium space.

Church families provided housing and meals for the team. Many church members spent each Saturday providing a large part of the labor on their building.

The BSU team helped during the week by preparing for the pouring of walls. Other types of work included June 19, when John Davidson, host of

of ribbon cane syrup.

During the week, part of the group was "loaned out" to a Korean Southern Baptist Church about 30 miles away to help them move into metal buildings and do some clean-up work around their newly-constructed

of the trip involved attending a taping purpose of their trip. the concrete slab and then beginning of "The New Hollywood Squares" the actual framing of the first-floor (ABCTV). The tape will be shown on

The BSUers also led the Sunday gram by welcoming "students from took a group of 21 students to Califor- evening service by sharing the University of Southern Mississiptestimonies, music, skits, and by pi." Two of the stars on the show, presenting the host families with Walter Payton and Charley Pride, Mississippi host/hostess gifts — a have Mississippi connections. During ceramic magnolia blossom and a jar the commercial breaks, they talked a little with the students about Mississippi. Louie Anderson, another of the stars, asked during a commercial break, why the students from Mississippi had come to Los Angeles. The group yelled out, "to build a church." They responded, "Southern Baptist" to his question about which denomination. That was the team's One of the more interesting aspects chance to tell a studio audience the

> Marilyn H. Bedford is associate BSU director.



Puppet party honors Leflore Missions Friends and parents

Leflore County Mission Friends take part in a sing-a-long with Debbie Ellis and puppets at a party honoring Mission Friends and parents at "The Learning Tree" in Greenwood. Debbie was co-host with her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Jones, associational Mission Friends director. The children also saw a slide presentation of The Lottie Moon Storybook.



After a sing-a-long, the Leflore County Mission Friends tried their "hand" at puppeteering.

Family week at Gulfshore will feature John Howell

Seminary, Kansas City, as the chief families.' resource person at Gulfshore's Family Week, June 29-July 3. Howell will ad- Nichols, youth consultant, Church Campaign Financial Disclosure Act of mission of family members," "Covenant Marriage," "When is counseling appropriate for families?" "Intimate companionship in marriage," "Loving affirmation of children," "Responsible guidance of youth," "Continuing selfworth of seniors," and "Commitment to growth in family fulfillment."

George F. Lee, Columbia, will lead a presentation of parenting workshop format adaptable to associational use or for church seminars. Paul Jones, Jackson, will lead conferences on two issues families face: "Sex education in the home," and "The effect of 'ad- also available for family recreation. dictions' on the family." Ron Mumbower, Jackson, will discuss mons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, "Understanding power of relation- Pass Christian, MS 39471, with \$60 ships," Margaret Hensley, Jackson, deposit toward the family cost. Call will address "Building bonds between 601-452-7261 for exact costs.

"How to be a together Christian parents and grandparents," and family" will be the theme featuring James Hitt, Jackson, will conduct a John C. Howell of Midwestern forum on "Insurance needs of

The youths will be led by Robin dress such subjects as "Mutual sub- Training Department, Jackson. Children's specialists will be Karen Mumbower, Cathy Jones, Kathy Pace, Kathy Gibbs, and Annette Hitt. A corp of family counselors will be available to chat about family needs, tensions, and directions. The music team will consist of Rick Tillotson, and Carol Ann Poore of Vicksburg, and Art Nelson of Jackson.

A popular feature of Family Week is a tree day on Wednesday with no program from breakfast to supper to make way for family togetherness in leisure. Tuesday and Thursday are

For reservations write Frank Sim-

Seminary profs invited to teach in Russia

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — in the process of opening a seminary. Southern Baptist seminary professors Evangelical Council Christians-Baptists.

Speaking at a banquet with faculty and staff members of Southwestern Seminary May 7, Vasily Logvinenko said he would like professors from the six Southern Baptist seminaries to moving all across the country." visit the Soviet Union on teaching assignments.

"The best way to know the situation (among Christians in Russia) is to come and visit us," said Logvinenko, who is also pastor of Moscow Baptist

Speaking through interpreter Sergie Nicholaev, superintendent for Baptist churches in the Leningrad area, Logvinenko said Russian Baptists are concerned about developing theological education. That is one way Southern Baptists and Soviet Baptists could work together, he said.

Logvinenko said Soviet Baptists need translated literature for theological education. Currently 150 Baptist seminary students in the Soviet Union study by correspondence. And Soviet Baptists are Society and Baptist World Alliance

More than 500,000 Baptists worship have been invited to teach in Russia in 5,000 churches in the Soviet Union, by the president of the All Union Logvinenko said. More than 30 percent of the converts in Soviet churches come from people with no prior relationship to the church.

"The Russian nation is very open to the word of God," Logvinenko said.

"We praise the Lord for the Spirit

Russian Baptists preach the gospel in 26 languages to reach Muslims, Buddhists, and other groups, said Nicholai Kalensnikav, treasurer and director of evangelism for the All Union Council. "It's not easy work, but God is blessing us, and people are coming to Jesus," he said.

Many Soviets under the age of 30 are moving toward Christ, Nocholaev said, noting 35 percent of Baptists in the Leningrad area fall into that age

"We can see a great interest today in religion among young people," he added. "The next great revival you will hear about will be in the Soviet Union."

More than 100,000 Bibles and 10,000 hymnbooks from the United Bible

will be delivered to Russia next year in celebration of the 1,000-year anniversary of Christianity in the country, Logvinenko said.

Southern Baptists should pray for peace, "peace with God and peace with each other," he said.

"We have the same Lord Jesus who is King of kings and Lord of lords," Nicholaev added, "and one day we will be in his presence and sing his praises together."



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Tennessee high courts view churches as PACs

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cial Disclosure Act does not and cannot control the quality or content of speech," the court opinion continued. "It does not limit contributions or expenditures made during a campaign; it is neutral in all respects as regards the groups to whom it applies and the types of activities at which it is specifically aimed.

"If any group wished to engage in financing outcome-specific election campaigning, whether involving a candidate election or referendum, the people of the state, including these plaintiffs, have the right to know the extent of such financial involvement during the campaign in order to maintain a balanced and informed view of the campaign," the statement added.

"Accordingly, we conclude that the 1980 is constitutional in every respect."

The case erupted when the 13 churches, nine of which are Southern Baptist, refused to file disclosure forms related to their involvement in opposing an August 1984 local-option liquor election. That referendum was defeated by 40 votes, but a later referendum was successful.

On Aug. 29, 1984, Tennessee Attorney General Michael Cody issued an opinion that churches which had spent at least \$250 in seeking to defeat the liquor-by-the-drink referendum were political action committees and were subject to filing the forms within 48 days after the election.

The churches refused to comply and instead brought suit against the state of Tennessee on the grounds that the

Financial Disclosure Act, as interpreted by Cody, violates the freedom of religion guarantee of the First Amendment.

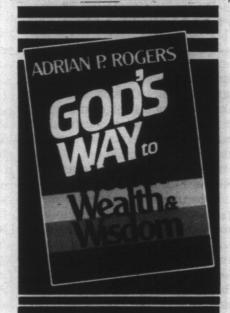
The Tennessee Supreme Court's ruling in effect means that while the case awaits a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, churches that spend more than \$250 addressing referenda issues would be considered political action committees and would be required to file disclosure statements. Churches also would be required to provide the names of any individuals who contributed \$100 or more toward the defeat of a referendum.

The decision comes at a time when Tennessee voters are likely to face local referenda regarding the location of horsetracks which will allow parimutuel gambling. Ivy Scarborough, a Jackson attorney who is representing the churches, said church members can still fight the pari-mutuel threat without the churches themselves becoming political action committees.

He said "people of like minds" could establish political action committees to raise funds and work to defeat the

"Pastors can readily stand up before their congregations on any Sunday and speak out against the legislation and urge their parishioners to make contributions to political action committees without having any fear of legal repercussions," Scarborough said. "They must not, under any circumstances, allow themselves to be muzzled."

Charlie Warren is associate editor, the Tennessee Baptist and Reflector.



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Adrian P. Rogers is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

By Anne McWilliams

"Shapers" of convention

High Hill Church, Neshoba County, and 83, Velma Trapp and Vergie D. Arsince the present pastor, Paul H. Leber Sr., came there in 1984.

In the past three years the Sunday School enrollment at High Hill has jumped from 39 to 98. Not many children had been attending the church, but now that has picked up some. Fourteen of them took part in a Christmas pageant last December, helping to carry the flags of the nations.

Pastor Leber preaches a children's sermon every Sunday now (which the adults seem to like, as well as the children!) Both children and adults took part in the Easter drama.

Ages of the members — and of the church leaders - cover a wide range. Threda Hudson, Training Union director, is 23; Onie Trapp, music director, is 73. Bettie Brewer, pianist, strikes a medium between the two. Arnold Anderson, 90, the oldest member, is son of one of the charter members present when the church was organized 106 years ago. Two women, ages 82

have been identified as among the

most influential people in shaping

Southern Baptist thought and practice

in a new pamphlet series being

released by the Southern Baptist

The series identifies these

"shapers" and their specific areas of

influence, according to Charles

Deweese, director of publications and

communications for the commission.

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Baptists remember their heritage

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constructive contributions of leaders

who shaped our history. To forget is

"Denominational controversy easi-

these 10 persons," Deweese said.

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Historical Commission.

will begin Vacation Bible School June nold, are friends who have lived in this 14, the first one the church has had community and attended this church since childhood.

> When High Hill called Leber as pastor, they also got a sort of "builtin" education director, because his wife, the former Louise Cartledge, had served several churches as education director. As a part of their ministry, the Lebers visit hospitals in six towns

> He is beginning a pastor-prayer partner emphasis at the church in which each week he plans to choose two families that he will especially pray for and with. Two new Sunday School classes and a new adult department have, under their leading, been added to High Hill. A church directory has been published.

> The people have in recent times taken on several improvement projects - redecorated the auditorium, carpeted the education unit and fellowship hall, erected new signs, and installed glass doors in the foyer.

> The church was organized in 1881. (See "Faces and Places" on Page 9.)

Calendar runs out before May CP does

NASHVILLE (BP) - The calendar ran out before all of May's Southern Baptist Cooperative Program receipts came in.

Books closed on national Cooperative Program receipts on the last business day of the month, May 29, two days before the last Sunday, May 31.

Consequently, not all the money Southern Baptists gave to the convention-wide budget in May was counted in the monthly total, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee.

The May total was \$10,189,783, or 11.4 percent behind receipts for May of 1986, which were more than \$11.5 million, Bennett announced.

The shortfall is "pretty typical" of months when a Sunday falls after the Cooperative Program books close. said Tim A. Hedquist, Executive Committee vice president for business and finance.

Officially, the 1986-87 national Cooperative Program has received almost \$86.3 million through May, a 2.41 percent increase over the first eight months of 1985-86, Bennett said. But with the early June receipts, the budget is about 6 percent ahead of the previous year, he added.

The basic national Cooperative Program budget is \$136 million for the current fiscal year.

identified in biographies Two associations call new DOMs

Choctaw-Webster associations have called Charles Gordon as director of missions. He is a native of Jones County and is married to the former Ina F. Grice. They have two children.

Gordon is a graduate of William Carey College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Most recently he was pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Laurel.

John Couch is Chickasaw Association's new director of missions. Previously he served various churches in Mississippi. Most recently he was a case manager at Parchman Penitentiary. He and his wife, Joan, have four children.

Couch was born in Missouri. He is a graduate of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He received a degree in guidance and counseling from Delta State University, Cleveland.

Students give away Bibles in India

KERALA STATE, INDIA (EP) -Within a few days' time students of Peniel Bible College here, distributed 500 Bibles, 2,500 New Testaments and 12,000 Gospel portions in the Malayalam language. The Scriptures were distributed in rural areas, primarily to non-Christians.

The Bibles were purchased from the Bible Society of India, with financial support from The Indian Mission for Evangelism (TIME), which also

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Southaven boys to serve as Pages in St. Louis

Jay Thomason and Will Patterson will serve as Pages during the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 16-18.

The two are members of Carriage Hills Church, Southaven and will join 13 other Royal Ambassadors and six Acteens as Pages. The group will assist convention personnel in registration, the information center, convention office, press room, and on the convention floor.

Thomason is a graduating senior at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomason. Patterson is a sophomore at Southaven High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson.

Their Royal Ambassador leader is Bobby Richardson.

To be eligible to serve as Pages,



Thomason



they must be in grades 10-12 and must have completed at least two Ambassador Service Awards.

"I understand that you've been going to a psychiatrist. Do you think it has helped you?"

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Mississippian elected to

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Mississippi native John D. W. Watts has been elected Donald L. Williams professor of Old Testament interpretation, effecarea and of the biographee and on his tive Aug. 1, at Southern Seminary, or her work in the subject area.

Watts, who has served on the seminary faculty since 1982, is a graduate of Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary and Southern Seminary. He previously taught at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.; Serampore College, India; and Baptist Theological Seminary Ruschlikon, Switzerland, where he was also president. He was a Southern Baptist foreign missionary from 1948-1975.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ten persons to abandon basic convictions.

"Southern Baptists face major controversy today and desperately need a fresh encounter with the vitality and molding influences of their heritage. To remember can aid the peacemaking process," said Deweese.

The 10 biographees in the "Shapers of Southern Baptist Heritage" pamphlet series and their areas of influence are William B. Johsnon, Southern Baptist origins; I. E. Reynolds, church music; T. B. Maston, ethics and social concern; L. R. Scarborough, evangelism; Annie Armstrong, missions; A. T. Robertson, New Testament; John A. Broadus, preaching; J. M. Dawson, public affairs and religious liberty; Gaines S. Dobbins, religious education; and E. Y. Mullins, theology.

Criteria for the selected biographees, Deweese said, included major influence on a key area of our Southern Baptist heritage and continuing impact on patterns of faith, Old Testament chair practice, and/or study in Southern Baptist life today.

The selection of authors for the pamphlets was based on the individual's knowledge of the subject

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SEOUL, S. Korea (EP) - More than 150 Presbyterian pastors in South Korea have begun hunger strikes in Seoul and other cities to protest the government's decision against direct elections for a new president. Some 2,000 Christian clergy and university employees are said to be protesting. sponsors the Bible college.

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Names in the News



Edward Lamar Mahaffey (left), from Pearl, receives the Broadman Seminarian Award during the recent Outstanding Students Award Assembly at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Mississippi College, Mahaffey received the master of divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary in May. Joe Cothen, right, vice president for academic affairs, presented the award.



Edward Paul Mallonee (left), from Trezevant, Tenn., receives the Outstanding Student Award for the master of divinity degree program at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Union University. Mallonee is pastor of Sandhill Church, Richton, Miss. Joe Cothen, vice president for academic affairs, presented the award.



Dennis Keith McAnally (left), from Greenwood, receives the Outstanding Student Award for the master of religious education degree program at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Delta State University, McAnally is minister of 1987. youth and special ministries at First Church, Grenada. Joe Cothen, right, presented the award.

Raymond D. Moncrief of Pascagoula recently received the bachelor of theology degree from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville,

Shirley Jernigan Jennings, a native of New Albany, now living in Sage, Ark., painted a landscape scene for the baptistry of Smyrna Baptist Church, Sugartown, La. and it was unveiled during homecoming festivals. A. F. Ott Jr. is pastor.

Kansas City, Mo. - A former Mississippi Baptist was among 120 persons receiving degrees during recent commencement exercises at Midwestern Seminary. Harvey E. Scott Sr., earned a master of divinity degree. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Stewartsville, Mo.

Robert Fortenberry, superintendent of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District, was recently awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at Millsaps College. Fortenberry is a member of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson.

Celeste Pennington, editor of book publication services at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has resigned to pursue a freelance writing

PARIS - Louis Schweitzer, French Baptist pastor has been elected by the French Protestant Federation's Council to the office of General Secretary of the Federation. He succeeds Pierre Chritien, a Lutheran pastor. Schweitzer will take office on July 1,

Messengers to face host of SBC issues

(Continued from page 3) responsibility on the 20 boards of trust of the SBC.

on Boards is accepted, the effort to gain conservative control of the national boards will be successful, as by most counts conservatives will have a voting majority on all but one national entity. Only on the board of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will moderates still maintain a fractional majority. That, experts say, is because Southern Seminary has the largest board of all of the seminaries (60 members) and trustees may serve two five-year terms.

Highlights facing messengers will

Presidency. SBC President Adrian P. Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., has announced his willingness to be nominated for a new term as president. If he is elected, Rogers will be the first man in nearly 40 years to serve three terms as president.

He served in 1979, but declined a second term. He was elected again in 1986 and has announced his willingness to serve again "if the brethren want me." The last man to serve three terms was R.G. Lee, Rogers' predecessor at Bellevue Baptist Church, who served three consecutive terms, 1949-51. Now, SBC bylaws limit a president to two consecutive terms, although a person may wait at least one year and be elected again.

Expected to be nominated against Rogers is Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, who is not an announced candidate but has said he will allow anyone to nominate him who feels he can make a contribution to the convention. Charles Redmon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, Texas, has announced he will nominate Jackson.

Peace Committee. The 22-member SBC Peace Committee will make its final report during the 1987 meeting. The group, created in 1985 to seek the sources of the controversy and make findings and recommendations for ways to bring reconciliation, will report Tuesday evening, June 16.

The committee is expected to meet just in advance of the meeting to finalize its report but has not released the substance. Messengers are expected to see the report for the first time at the convention. It is expected God so evident in each individual's of items the diverse committee believes will be helpful to the process of peace.

- Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. An effort was made in 1986 to strip SBC funding from the If the report of the 1987 Committee BJCPA and establish "an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington, D.C." The motion was referred to the SBC Executive Committee for a year of study.

The committee, which will report to the Executive Committee, is expected to recommend retaining ties between the SBC and the BJCPA, but with significant changes in the structure of Southern Baptist representation on the nine-denomination religious liberty/separation of church and state watchdog organization.

- Bylaw 16. Messengers also will be asked to revise Bylaw 16, under which the Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees would be renamed the Committee on Nominations and the language of the bylaw would be revised.

Representation. Messengers will be asked to approve six state and/or territories for representation on convention boards. Under bylaw revisions adopted in 1986, a "tiered" system was established to give smaller conventions representation.

The new states gaining representation include Alaska, Nevada, New England, New York, Pennsylvania-South Jersey, and Utah-Idaho. Three conventions - Northern Plains, Hawaii, Minnesota-Wisconsin, and Wyoming still-do not have the necessary membership to qualify for the basic tier of representation.

- Budget. Messengers will be asked to approve a \$140 million Cooperative Program allocation, budget, which will fund the work of the 20 national agencies for 1987-88. The budget is up from \$136 million in 1986-87, and includes \$132 million in basic operating budget, \$6.4 million in capital needs and a Phase II of \$1.5 million.

Resolutions and Motions. Messengers are expected to introduce a number of resolutions and motions relating to convention stands on various issues and instructions to convention agencies.

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Senior Adult Kitchen Band, First Church, Itta Bena

Senior Adults rattle pots and pans

with 19 members, ages 64-86, was formed in January from members of a Tuesday afternoon seniors' activities group at First Church, Itta Bena

Mary Brook Grant is the Bows and Bonnets director and lead singer. She is also senior adult choir leader and church secretary. She explains how and why they put together their act.

"It's fun and exciting, and it gives us something to do and to look forward to." The band grew out of the Tuesday afternoon group's games of fun and exercise. Some of the activities would require one to pay a forfeit. They chose to entertain with their own in-

Bows and Bonnets Kitchen Band dividual talents. They scanned back through memories and came up with talents worth sharing with others. For instruments, members brought jars. graters, rolling pins, frying pans, rubboards and anything else they could get a noise from. Birdie Carr, 82, plays the piano, by ear, and Mable Mullins plucks the washtub bass.

The band has played for senior citizen luncheon and dinner groups, nursing homes, and for the seven county North Central Planning and Development District's Area Agency on Aging at the Greenwood Civic Center. One of the most exciting invitations they have is to be a part of a video, sponsored and taped in June by

the National Girl Scout Council of New York celebrating their 75th birthday. This will be aired on the NBC national television network . . . Only 4 states out of the 52 will be featured on this video and they were selected to represent Mississippi. The state scout theme is, "A Plus For Older Mississip-

Mrs. Grant said she, like many other Bows and Bonnets members, is a widow, and the band has become important to her as a useful way to spend her time. "I needed something to do. This is God's fulfillment for me and it also gives the band great opportunities to share the rich blessings of to contain about 10 recommendations life. They are tones of love and a beautiful tone it-is!"

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Children and the alcoholic family

growing up in an alcoholic family. Clearly, these problems command atmother comes home drunk or with a hangover. The children experience confusion and tensions when fights go on between parents. The nights are fearful, sometimes, after the children go to bed only to be awakened later by angry shouting and cursing. Daily life is upsetting for the children, because of what they see, hear, and go through themselves. Feelings that become familiar are fear, loneliness, anger, and resentment. Home conditions affect the quality of school life, resulting in poor grades, bad attitudes about school, and problems relating to other children. Church life is spasmodic, unless one adult family member is a strong, active Christian. Otherwise, these children's interest in church may become sadly lacking.

In the alcoholic family are forces that cause children to grow up, even into adulthood, feeling insecure and incompetent. They feel alone with their problems. These children are Baptist Medical Center and handled sometimes passive, pampered, and in consultation with the staff of the dependent upon other people. The Chemical Dependency Center. Letters dependency may begin by relying upon one person: a father, mother, tist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS brother, or sister. On the other hand, 39205

Special problems belong to children when the children grow up rejected or ignored, they miss a loving relationship and often react aggressively. tention. The absentee father or They may regard other people as those persons to be mastered. These may be playmates, peers, and eventually husbands or wives. Children reared in either type of family experience conflict and tensions, and these young people are likely to begin using alcohol and drugs themselves. They have much to learn about themselves and mutual relationships. Spiritual experiences can make a great difference in the quality of their lives. Self understanding for these children is incomplete without a growing awareness of God, Christian values, and knowledge of a Savior who can remove the guilt and pain of the past. In their discovery, these children may gain a new freedom to become the valuable persons that God intended and hope may be theirs tomorrow.

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Beacon, Hattiesburg: June 14-18;

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Billy Joe Rouse and family, music;

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Revival Dates

New Montpelier (Clay): June 14-19; Sunday, regular services; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Mack Cole, Ft. Worth, Tex., evangelist; Arlie Holloway, Arbor Grove, Chickasaw, music; Carolyn Stevens, pianist; Frank Childress, pastor.

Johns (Rankin): June 14-19; Sunday, 11 a.m., 1 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 nightly; Dennis Allen, pastor, Holly Grove, evangelist; Steve Bishop, Westview, Jackson, music; Troy Grubbs, pastor.

Cedar Bluff (Clay): June 21-26; 7.30 p.m. each evening; Bill Bozeman, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Archie Chesser, minister of music at Cedar Bluff, music; Donald Berry, pastor.

Sharon, Long Beach: June 7-14; W. T. Henry, Dallas, Tex., speaker; Sunday services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; nightly 7 p.m, Mon.-Sat.; Jerry W. Lowery, pastor.

Homecomings

Pine Hill, Enterprise (Clarke): June 14; Dan Jones, former pastor, Roy Garrison, interim pastor; lunch Greg Smith, pastor. in fellowship hall.

New Hope (Leake): June 19-21; services, Fri.-Sun., 7:30 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Garvon Golden, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, pastor, First, Dickinson, N.D. since March, 1985, evangelist; David Pickel. music director; James H. Young, Jr.,

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Union (Lincoln): June 14; Sunday School, 10 a.m., worship service, 11 speaker; Ron Mercer, song leader; a.m. followed by dinner, then singing;

Golden Gate gives degrees

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. - In its 39th annual spring commencement on May 29, Golden Gate Seminary honored 86 students with degrees ranging from diploma in Christian ministry to doctor of ministry.

Charles Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va., delivered the graduation address to the crowd in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium at the Marin Center in San Rafael.

One Mississippian was among the graduates. Daniel Calvin Brantley of Jackson received the associate of religious education degree.

MC to sponsor music workshop

The Mississippi College Music Department will sponsor a Church Music Workshop, especially designed for music leaders in smaller churches, June 26-27.

The workshop, which will be held in the Aven Fine Arts Building on the Clinton campus, will cover the areas of choral conducting techniques, leadership of congregational singing, service playing on the piano and organ, using band and orchestral instruments in the service, solo vocal repertoire and technique, and matters of church music administration. A choral reading session of both new and time-tested music suitable for the smaller church choir will be a featured part of the workshop.

Enrollment deadline for this most informative and practical workshop will be Monday, June 22. The cost of the workshop will be \$20 per participant. For more information, call

N.O. Seminary grants degrees

The article in the June 4 issue of the Baptist Record, "N.O. grants degrees to Mississippians," was accidentally incomplete. The final lines should have listed these graduates: Rhonda G. Buckels Gautier, associate of divinity; David Sundeen, Slidell, La., pastor of First Church, McLain, master of divinity; George Natchez, Washington Hogan, evangelist, master of divinity; Johnny M. Boggan, Newton, master of religious education.

Also Bill Herman, native of Petal, was graduated with a master of religious education degree. He is minister of music and youth at Terry's Creek Church, Magnolia

Talk or die

(Continued from page 2) cram into our computers, but the answer won't be there.

We will find the answer, if we haven't found it already, when we sit down and discuss the issues with each other. There will be no cramming anything down anyone's throat in this situation, and yet that is the way we have approached it.

Either we talk or we're doomed. Hopefully the peace committee will point this out in a very emphatic way.

J. D. Roberts named associational Church Training director of the year



J. D. Roberts

J. D. Roberts, Church Training director for Northwest Association, was named Associational Church Training Director of the Year at the meeting of associational church training directors at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, May 19.

Church, Senatobia where he has been David, Randy, Steven, and Tim.

Church Training director for about three years. He formerly served as Church Training director in Ebenezer Church in Northwest Association for about 12 years. He has served as Church Training director in other churches totally over 20 years.

His work as an associational Church Training director began in 1978 in his present association. He says that his greatest thrill as an associational Church Training director came several years ago when they recorded 988 people for an "M" Night

When asked why he has given so much of his time and life to Church Training, Roberts replied that he determined that every person in a secular job needed training and if this is so, every person in church work also needs training. He feels that Church Training provides basic training in doctrine, ethics, theology, history and

discipleship, and personal ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts live in Roberts is a member of First Senatobia. They have five sons, Roger,

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Tishomingo County Baptist Association participated in a note burning ceremony at the annual spring meeting, April 27, at South Crossroads Church.

The ceremony was the occasion of declaring the association to be free of debt. The indebtedness was made in the purchase of a mission home, office, and necessary improvements and additions.

Pictured, left to right, are Troy Dean, associational treasurer, Harold Holley, host pastor, Charles Stubblefield, director of missions, and Raymond Buchanan, pastor of Forest Grove Church.



Unity Church, Moselle, recently held a ground breaking ceremony for a 2,000 sq. ft. addition which will include nursery, restrooms, children's church, Sunday School rooms and a covered drive through. The majority of work is being done by the members of the church.

Pictured, left to right, are Jim Walters, deacon; James Taylor, pastor; Bobby Grayson, deacon; and Jack Delk, deacon.



E. C. Farr RA Chapter and Dr. Sam and Ginny Cannata Pioneer Chapter of Second Church, Greenville visited the Washington County associational building.

Pictured, back row, from left, are David Moore, Rickey Watkins, Ronnie Gilbert, Darrel Sparks, Trey Lovern, Kelly Watts, Mac Mooney, Roy Raddin, Jamie Banks, James Kerr. Front row, Adam Norris, Tommy Lovern, Davis Rawson, Todd Erwin, Shorty Hardin, Chris Watford, Chris Hovis, Frank Knight, and Darrel Sparks.

Pioneer leaders are Tommy Lovern and Darrel Sparks. RAs leaders are Mac Mooney, James Kerr, and not pictured, Bubba Hardin. Roy Raddin is director of missions, and J. H. Kerr is RA director, Washington Association.



GA recognition service was held at Woodville Church, Woodville, May 24 during the evening service.

Girls receiving badges from left, front row, are Mary Stewart Trevillion, Emily Whetstone, Emily Ryan, Macon Graves, Madison Foster, Kelly Kee.

Second row, Nicole Jensen, Kristina Zook, Kristi Evans, Rosetta Temple, Michelle Vines, and Rebecca Sharp.

Leaders are Mrs. Jimmy Ray Reese and Mrs. Enloe M. Kee, III.



GAs of First Church, Quitman, earned Missions Adventures badges in a special recognition service. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Shellie Young, Rachel Dabbs, Kelley Wright, Natalie Dabbs, Laura Patton, Courtney Riley, Amanda Abston, Brandi Priester, Elise Sistrunk.

Second row, Christina Cochran, Lynn Boykin, Tina McClure,

Parkhill Church, Jackson, will be observing its 31st anniversary, June 14. Following the 11 a.m. worship service, there will be a covered-dish dinner in fellowship hall. Plemon Ming of Jackson will be guest speaker for the morning service.

James C. Edwards is pastor.

Damascus Church, Flora, will hold Vacation Bible School, June 15-19, from 7 to 9 p.m. William (Sonny) Bradshaw is pastor.

Red Creek Union Church, Vestrey, held an Easter sunrise service in the church yard, where the young people constructed three crosses and a tomb. Rickey Tanner, Four Mile Creek Church, Jackson County, conducted the service.

P. S. Garner is pastor.

A University of Southern Mississippi music ensemble will travel to the Smoky Mountains this summer for a performance during the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly's Church Music Week. USM's 12-member "Covenant" church music ensemble will appear in concert at the annual event held in Ridgecrest, N.C., and will serve as the Shepherd's Chorus for Minotti's classic, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," which also will be performed during the assembly's meeting.

First Church, Crystal Springs, will present in concert "Right Angle," a contemporary Christian musical group from Minden, La., Wed., June 17. Call 892-1149 for details.

NEW ORLEANS — Benny J. Jones has been named director of student affairs and church minister relations for New Orleans Seminary. Jones, originally from Mathiston, Miss., is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and earned a master of divinity degree from NOBTS. He is working toward the doctorate of theology in New Testament at NOBTS. He is married to the former Deanie McAlpin, also from Mathiston, who is an accountant with Central Gulf Lines of New Orleans.

Rebecca Rowell, Lennie Young, Johni Brock, Erica Combest, Emily Baggett. Third row, Jennifer Wright, Ashley Carr, Melanie Zeigler, Elizabeth Bridwell, Kelly Johnson, and Elizabeth Carter.

GA leaders include Dorothy Wright, Kimberly Whitaker, Becky Lewis, Julie Rowell, Eva Martin, Trish Sistrunk, Dianne Sellers, Verlynn Robinson, and C. J. Patton.



The children and youth of Emmanuel Church, Union, received trophies, May 18, at First Church, Newton, for their performance at the State Bible Drills in Jackson. Cookie Russell is the children's leader and Katrina Massengale and Cheryl Chaney are the youth leaders.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are Kevin Harrison, Bridgett Stevens, Jessica Smith, Sandi Baldwin, Michelle Stevens, Kim Brooks.

Back row, Missy Brooks Smith, Peggy Warren, Deborah Wolverton, Leigh Ann Russell, Rusty Russell, and Nichole Pearson.



Larry Cox Crusader Chapter of Calvary Church, West Point, held a Walk for Home Missions, Saturday, March 28 and raised \$800. The boys and their leaders walked 10 miles and then enjoyed a hamburger cook-out and afternoon of fishing. James Brantley and Paul Grubbs are chapter leaders.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are Murray Shows, Robert Garrard, Chris Letson, Jason Young, Clay Stafford, Steven Moore, Johnny Hamblin. Back row, Andy Blake, Joey Raines, Toby Taylor, Lawrence Brantley, Ray Brantley, Todd Taylor, and Rusty Burton.

"Remember, each is without excuse before God."

By Robert M. Hanvey Romans 1:18-32

The focal passage for this week's lesson is found in Romans 1:18-32, seemingly a continuation of the verses which we had last week.



Romans 1:1-17. During that time we learned that the just live by faith, and now we understand in this week's lesson that we are without excuse concerning God's judgment. Paul had the distinct responsibility of initially going to the Jews with the gospel message, and then he was turned of the

Lord God to the Gentiles to share what Jesus had done. He opens this great book by offering the Gentiles the help which they need. The opening phrases of chapter 1 find the Gentiles the recipients of the message from the Book of Romans. Because God has made himself known to all persons, Jews and Gentiles alike, people who reject God have no excuse when they experience judgment.

Our concern in this lesson is to lead people to explain why people who reject God have no excuse when they do experience God's judgment in their lives. God's wrath is being revealed always against unrighteousness. God is

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never idle; he is never asleep; he is never unaware of the unrighteousness which transpires in the world among his people or among those who are outside his kingdom. God's wrath of destruction and death are always being revealed against ungodliness.

God has made himself known to all people, including the Gentiles, including the Jews. Paul was very clear in our passage for consideration this week to say that through the creation God has made himself known to all. As Paul addresses the Gentiles he is saying to them that because the Jews had the law, they are without excuse because of the created order. God has made himself known to people in so many ways. The Gentiles who rejected God's revelation of himself were those who were going to be without excuse just like anyone else who rejected God's revelation and his free gift. Whether one exalts himself and worships idols, or whether one just turns his back on God, or whether one just says "no" to God, he rejects God. Nevertheless, he is still responsible for himself, and according to God's Word, without excuse. Those who reject God because of their ty before God. Serious consequences arise when own desires or because of immoral degradation or because of any kind of behavior, they too are recipients of God's wrath and they are without excuse.

Whether we are Jew or Gentile it doesn't make any difference according to God's message if we reject God in Christ Jesus. We are without excuse. Regardless of whether the law was present or the prophets were present, there is still the responsibility for accepting the Lord Christ. One has the option in his experience to either accept or reject. Nonetheless, those who reject are without excuse.

There may be some in your class as you study this lesson who do not acknowledge or understand, God's wrath and they can be helped through this study. God's wrath upon unrighteousness and injustice and sin is very, very evident. God is going to judge all unrighteousness and injustice and sin is very, very evident. God is going to judge all unrighteousness and rebellion. There may be those who feel that they are not responsible for their wrongs, but yet they, too, can be led to understand their personal responsibility for their lives.

Throughout the Scriptures we understand the individuality of man and his individual response to God, and his individual responsibilia person rejects God. There may be those who are concerned today as you teach this lesson; or this week as you teach this lesson, whether they have rejected God. If that concern is present, probably they have not because the Holy Spirit is still working. If a person's heart has grown cold and indifferent, he may very well have rejected God and the Spirit of God has ceased his work with that person. Perhaps it is that many might give serious considerations to the consequences of rejecting God and thus give their lives to Christ.

Throughout this first chapter of Romans there is the problem of men and women who reject God and who, because of depravity of the mind, give themselves to immorality. Sinful lusts and homosexuality are expressions of sin against God. God allowed certain things to occur in order to teach man that sin is wrong. We need to understand that whether homosexuality, adultery, murder, stealing, lying, cheating, or the full spectrum of sin, including false pride, cause men to reject God. We understand that these bring God's wrath upon unrepentant man. Remember, each of us is without excuse before God. Those who reject him find that true. Those of us who have accepted him know that to be

Robert Hanvey is pastor, First, Hazlehurst.

Psalm 119 sings praises to God's Law

By Charles Wesley Psalm 119:1-14, 105-112

Southern Baptists have held tightly to a high regard for the authority of the Bible. In expressing the concensus of Southern Baptists, The



Baptist Faith and Message states concerning the Scriptures that "It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter." Furthermore, The Baptist Faith and Message states that the Scriptures are 'the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds,

and religious opinions should be tried." The psalmist, likewise, declares his love for the Scriptures (for him, the Law) in Psalm 119. He describes the benefits that come from obeying the law. As we study Psalm 119 we are challenged to faithful study and application of God's

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Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. The chapter contains 176 verses and is divided into 22 sections according to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The Hebrew alphabet forms an acrostic around which the psalm is constructed. In each section every verse begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Psalm 119 is an ingenious literary work that brings praise to God's Law.

Of interest is the fact that just two chapters prior to Psalm 119 we have the shortest chapter in the Bible. In Psalm 117 we find these words: "And the truth of the Lord is everlasting." We discover the everlasting truth of the Lord in his

The psalmist in Psalm 119 declares the joy that comes "to those who walk in the law of the Lord" (v. 1). A great day in a man's life is the day he learns that abiding happiness only

comes through obedience to God's Word. Also, the psalmist asks for help in understanding God's law so he would not wander from God's commandments (vv. 10-12). Furthermore, he hid God's Word in his heart as a protection against sinning. Jesus gave us an example of the importance of memorizing Scripture when he was tempted in the wilderness. We only receive benefit from God's Word as we study, meditate upon, memorize, and apply through obedience to God's Word. We can have a high regard for God's Word and be orthodox in our beliefs concerning God's Word, but unless we apply the truths of God's Word to our lives we will miss the joy that comes from obeying God's

This summer during Vacation Bible School children, youth, and adults will recite the words of the pledge to the Bible. That pledge is based on Psalm 119:11, 105. The pledge to the Bible is more than a sweet affirmation of the importance of the Bible. Only through our allegiance

to God's Word will we experience the spiritual awakening needed in our country. All prior spiritual awakenings had as a major characteristic a return to the Word of God. Study the revivals recorded in the Old Testament for examples of the place of the Holy Scriptures in revivals. No wonder the psalmist declared over and over in Psalm 119, "Revive me according to Thy word."

As Sir Walter Scott was dying, he requested of a visitor to "Bring me the book." The visitor was perplexed, not knowing which of the many books owned by Scott was desired. The visitor responded, "Which book?" Scott answered, "Bring me the book; there is but one book." After all has been said and written there is indeed only one book of supreme importance, the Bible. Very much to the point is the new title given to a popular paraphrase of the Bible; The

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Antioch enters the open door to foreign missions

By Nathan L. Barber Acts 11:19-24; 13:2, 3:14:26, 27

The persecution which arose in connection with Stephen's death scattered believers throughout the regions of Judea, and Samaria



(8:2), Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch (11:19). However, because the Christian community had not yet come to understand the universal nature of the gospel, there was a period of time during which the gospel was proclaimed, . to no one except to Jews

alone" (11:19). Even after Peter had quieted the Jewish Christians at Jerusalem by testifying as to the eagerness with which Cornelius and the other Gentiles with him received the Word of God and were baptized with the Holy Spirit, the Jerusalem church continued to be unimpressed with Jesus' words that they were to be his witness in Judea and Samaria and to the remote parts of the earth, as well as Jerusalem.

It is clear that a number of years had elapsed between 11:19 and 11:20. That observation is LIFE AND WORK

made because (1) Saul had been a definite part of the persecution mentioned in 11:19 which took place after Stephen was put to death (8:1, 2; 9:1, 2). And (2) in 11:25-26 Saul is obviously participating as a leader in the ministry of the church at 'Antioch.

So then several years following the events of 11:19, some of the Christians who had been scattered, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, came to Antioch preaching the Lord Jesus. A great evangelistic movement was launched which excluded no one. "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord" (11:21). It should not be surprising then that the hub of the early developing church shifted from the Jerusalem church to the church at Antioch. The church at Jerusalem seemed content to be a mereobserver; the church at Antioch plowed new ground as the first church to carry out Acts 1:8. The Antioch Model:

Evangelizing

Even after the evangelistic thrust of 11:20 the church at Antioch continued to witness and

evangelize in and around their own area, and considerable numbers were brought to the Lord

Teaching

Barnabas was a good man, and fully of the Holy Spirit and faith (11:12). It was Barnabas who recognized that the considerable number of new Christians needed to be taught to observe all that Jesus had commanded them (Matt. 28:20). Believing that Saul was uniquely qualified for such a teaching ministry, Barnabas asked Saul to join with him in instructing the brethren at Antioch (11:25, 26).

Giving

Anticipating a great famine in the world the disciples at Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul to the elders in Judea with a relief offering for the brethren living there. The Antioch church had come to understand an important principle of giving. That principle is clearly seen in the little song which says, "Giving's not subtracting, its adding don't you see; what you give becomes another's gain. Sharing's not dividing, its multiplying life, like the flowers after morning Sending and going

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the church at Antioch set apart Barnabas and Saul for the work to which they had been called. There was no reluctance on the part of the church to commission Barnabas and Saul for the first Bold Mission Project abroad. The church fasted, prayed, laid their hands on them, and sent them away in connection with the Holy Spirit's leading. It is consistent with the character of the Antioch Christians to believe that they probably provided some material resources for the missionaries as well as prayer

Rejoicing in missionary advances

Barnabas and Saul reported to the gathered church concerning all the things that God had done with them during this first missionary journey. There was much to report, but that which took priority was that God had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles (14:27). The Christians at Antioch were full of joy and thanksgiving for the opportunity which was being given them to be Jesus' witnesses both at home and far away. Missions came to be viewed by the church as evangelism taking place somewhere other than their local area.

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Thai Christian policewoman becomes home missionary

By Maxine Stewart

exciting career of 19 years working in the police department, and wearing a neat government uniform every day, to become a home missionary in a country where there are, comparatively speaking, very few Christians? Titipon Sirawong, a lovely Thai lady, known as the "Christian Policewoman," did just that.

16 years. She is the only Christian in her family. Not being sympathetic with her choice of religion, her family members give no support or encouragement in her Christian life. All she gets from them is opposition.

When she was a very young Christian, a missionary family took her in for a while and tried to give to her the love she missed from her family. While living with them she had the op-



Titipon Sirawong dedicates her newly received son to the Lord. Missionary Bob Stewart prays the prayer of dedication. (Photo by Maxine Stewart)

Who would be willing to give up an portunity to observe missionary life.

She later came to realize that God was calling her to be a home missionary. She enrolled in the Baptist seminary. Upon graduation she was one of the first two Thai women appointed as home missionaries by the Thailand Baptist Churches Association.

A Christian nurse, Nang Sisalai, in Sirawong has been a Christian for THA CHANG (elephant landing) requested the Association to send someone to her town to begin Christian work. She was the only Christian in the town. When Sirawong received her appointment, she moved to THA CHANG in Suphanburi Province to begin Christian work there. She and Sisalai immediately became close, praying friends.

> Far different from her previous job, Sirawong is a Jack-of-all-trades at the Baptist Chapel. She does the teaching, speaking at the worship services usually if a Thai pastor or missionary is not available to assist her, is music areas. She has two-weeks intensive director where there is no instrument, visits, teaches English as a means of reaching students, serves as janitor, and is counselor and friend to anyone who will let her be. A new role that has become hers in recent years is that of "Single Parent." Having had two children GIVEN to her she has become a "KHUN MAA" (mother). One of the children was given to her on the Lord's day (Easter Sunday) so she named him "ATIT" (Sunday).

Children love to go to Sunday School and the preaching services. They enjoy sitting on the front row! They try to get there early in order to get front row seats. Some of them have become Christians through the years and are now some of the young people in the Christian group. Several adults have come to know the Lord. As a result of this, the Christians in the area are supporting the local Thai home missionary!

Sirawong is helping to reach out to other areas and assist in teaching and training new Christians in outlying representative in Thailand.



Titipon Sirawong looks on with the smile and joy of a new mother as she lets KHUN YAI (grandmother) Maxine Stewart hold her new son. (Photo by Bob Stewart)

teaching sessions where she invites missionaries and Thai pastors to teach and preach. Many of the people sleep there as well as eat there during the two weeks. She loves people and is concerned for their salvation in Christ.

The response there has been slow, as it is all over Thailand. After Sirawong worked there for two years, the chapel has five members, including her and the nurse. They now have 22 Christians in the immediate area (town). They are getting ready to build a church building. It will be small, but it's a start.

In the early months of her work, it was not unusual to hear rocks pounding on the tin roof during mid-week prayer meeting. Those throwing the rocks evidently didn't know her "full" title, the "Christian Policewoman." They just got the "Christian" part. Word must have circulated, as the rooftop soon became silent.

Maxine Stewart is missionary press

Europe, N. A. groups will sponsor 'World Baptist Peace Conference'

"This is a glorious day." So said Knud Wumpelmann, Secretary-Treasurer of the European Baptist Federation, at the conclusion of a meeting called to begin planning the first-ever World Baptist Peace Conference, designed to gather Baptists concerned about justice and peace issues around the world.

The Conference, set for August 3-7, 1988, at Sjoviks Folkhogskola (a Baptist folkschool near Uppsala) in Sweden, was approved by the European Federation's executive committee during their April 24-27 meeting in Budapest, Hungary.

The European Baptist Federation, cooperative agency for Baptist Conventions and Unions throughout Eastern and Western Europe, voted to be a co-sponsor along with the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North

"To my knowledge, this will be the first such gathering of Baptists in history," said Ken Sehested, executive director of the BPFNA.

The April 28 Conference planning meeting appointed an initial group of four persons to serve as a continuing planning group. These include Sehested, as chair of the group, Wumpelmann, Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptist (Soviet Union), and Birgit Karlsson, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

Four purposes for the Peace Conference were agreed upon. First, to serve as a pastoral aid in linking Baptists who share these convictions. Second, to focus renewed attention on the Helsinki Final Act. Third, to explore the insights on peacemaking from the Baptist and Anabaptist past. And fourth, to begin planning for an even more ambitious peace conference around the 1990 Baptist World Congress in Seoul, South Korea.

The idea for '88 Baptist Peace Conference in Sweden was first formally proposed by the BPFNA in an August 1986 letter to contacts and Baptist leaders outside North America.

The BPFNA is a three-year old network linking Baptists involved in justice and peace issues from many conventions throughout North America. Its steering committee is composed of members affiliated with 10 Baptist conventions in Canada, the U.S., Puerto Rico and Mexico; plus representatives from two inter-Baptist agencies, the Baptist World Alliance and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The organization has no official sponsorship of any convention. Its primary goal is to encourage greater Baptist involvement — at both local and national levels - in justice and peace concerns and to help clarify understanding of such involvement as essential to Christian faith and discipleship.

Freed Soviet poet Ratushinskaya says don't be taken in by Glasnost

SANTA ANA, Calif. (EP) - Freed Soviet poet, human rights activist and devout Christian Irina Ratushinskaya has warned Westerners not to be taken in by Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev's "glasnost" policy. According to Dan Wooding of Open Doors News Service, Ratushinskaya said, "I know there are a lot of people in Western Europe and the United States who are really interested in the problems of the Soviet Union and who follow the Soviet political prisoners, and I am only one of those who are now free. And I want to say those people are released only because of Western pressure, only because of the support of Western people. It is not Gorbachev's great humanism, because we felt this 'humanism' during Gorbachev's time through torture. But now the Soviet Union needs the trust of the West, so they made some cosmetic steps and it is really a good moment to demand the release of more and more political prisoners.

Ratushinskaya, who was unexpectedly released by the Soviet government in late 1986 after an intense international campaign on her behalf, said Gorbachev has "released only two percent of political

If the Record

A man went into a pizza parlor and ordered a large pizza. The waiter asked, "Would you like to have that cut into eight pieces or sixteen?"

The man replied, "You'd better cut it into eight. I don't think I could eat sixteen."

Ratushinskaya, who was reportedly held in isolation punishment cells for 138 days during her imprisonment, said she met other believers in prison camp. "When we were in the punishment cell, in isolation, we were all together, because we were called especially dangerous state criminals. And I don't know why believers are so dangerous to our government but it seems to me that megalomania always goes together with persecution mania.'

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Let me count the ways"

NEW YORK, NY, May - (ABS) - The word is "love" in English. But in Ayacucho Quechua it is "kuyapayariykusunaykichikpay."

Actually, 539 forms of the root word meaning love appear in the first-ever Bible for the 1.5 million Quechua Indians of Peru who speak the Ayacucho dialect, notes the American Bible Society, which helped fund the translation as well as the printing which is now underway.

This particular 27-letter form has a very precise meaning for the Ayacuchos: "in order that he may have great compassion on you."

Linguists term Ayacucho an "inflectional" language, one which has various single-word forms to express emotions, emphasis and context and other exact shades of meaning.